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Annual Predictions

by Larry "Ski" Smulczenski

It is that time of the year for many of us to make New Year resolutions, reflect back on the past year and to wonder about what will occur during the coming twelve months. Therefore old Prof. Ski decided to rummage through those boxes that still have not been unpacked from the Florida to Texas move and see if he could find the mystic St. Louis Cardinal baseball cap and the all-seeing crystal bowling ball. There they were up in the attic instead of being stored under the back porch as they usually are, but the cap sure was squashed and the crystal ball is kind of foggy probably influenced by the proximity of the Houston Astro faithful. After treating these priceless items with some tender love and care, the old prognosticator felt that they could assist him make some fearless predictions for the coming year. So here we go. 1. After the success of the Boling Wedding at Fest 6, look forward to the commitment this year of another Fester to tie the knot at Fest 8.

2. The long awaited new edition of World War II Remembered will finally be completed and published so it can be distributed as Christmas gifts.

3. The new edition of World War II will reach the top 10 on the New York Times Best Seller list.

4. Our editor will be so excited about this years successes that he will start revising the MPC Catalog, this time in vivid LIVING COLOR.

5. A mini-fest will be held at one of the most unusual locations that we have known to this date.

6. A new and exciting find of a fiscal instrument

for use in occupied territory, previously unreported in any literature, will be disclosed and make it into WWII Remembered before it is printed.

7. AAFES will print another four series of POGS during the year for use by troops in Iraq. These are in addition to the complete set of British POGs that will be uncovered.

8. A single MPC note will sell at auction for over \$50K. and it will not be in plastic.

9. The Holiday Inn Express in Port Clinton will propose to corporate headquarters to build an adjacent convention center so that they can accommodate the growth of attendees at MPC Fest.

10. Oh, Oh, the all seeing crystal ball is getting real fuzzy just when Prof Ski thought he was going to see the Land Yacht start moving!!!!!!!

May each and everyone of you have a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous 2006.

New Variety Discovered? [if you read this in 1403, this is a repeat]

by Guy Araby

Hello Gramsters.....Freditor, While observing some series #521 \$1 MPC notes, I noticed a distinctive difference in the numeral or "font" type for number 9. I have 3 pieces from the first printing that contain the numeral "9" in it's position number. 2 pieces I own are very sharp "pointed 9's" the 3rd piece a "very blunt squared off 9". Could it be a slight doubling of this digit? I don't believe so. But I have studied and compared the 9's under 5 x and 10 x and doesn't seem to be doubled enough to cause such a thick bottomed 9! The nine would have to be cockeyed quite a bit to cause this effect or doubled (horizontal spread) to a point where the other parts of the 9 should be thicker. This is my preliminary observation. Anyone else that notice this phenomenon. Please report. to guyaraby@earthlink.net or the Gram. I am curious about this font variation. Reminds me of series #481. Needs more reports. Serial number of BLUNT 9 variety is E07344101E = Pos 9, the other 2 pieces of that are the "pointed 9 variety" are E15667416E Pos 69, and E19984824E pos 49. ALL are FIRST PRINTING! This is why I am concerned. All 3 pcs. are CU. Just observing. Could there be 2 types of numeral ' 9 ' used for the 1st printing? Guy.....Happy Holidays, and my prayers go out to Val May and family. God Bless Leo May!

Championship Question Corner

Question: Question: A five cent MPC is SN A00672500. What is the position number? Question 32, difficulty

2. How many colors were in the flag of Manchukuo?
Question 33, difficulty 2.

Yesterday's question: 50 sen notes were issued in Japan in 1942 and 1946 with the Yaukuni Shrine. What did the 1942 note commemorate when it was issued in 1942? Question 30, difficulty 2. Bonus question: What series of MPC has replacements with wild serial numbers? Question 31, difficulty 1.

The answer is: See comments.

Comments from the field and from the champ: Jack Hunter wrote--Bill Meyers wrote It was dated 8 DEC 1942 and commemorated the first anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. MPC series 541 has alot of mysteries associated with the replacements. Jack Hunter wrote a similar response, but which got lost in the New Year's Eve Gram debacle. The ultimate answer came from Joe: The 50 sen notes with Yasukuni Shrine were issued with dates of Showa 17, 18, 19, and 20 (1942,43,44,45), not 1942 and 1946 (though the 1945-dated notes were not issued until 1946). The initial issue date was 8 December 1942 - first anniversary of the start of the Greater East Asia War [meaning attacks on more than Pearl] on the west side of the International Date Line (which as 7 December on the Hawaii side).If you want to ask a really good question, ask what the 1946 issue date corresponded to/coincided with. [I think that we will save that question for the finals (hint, hint). We should probably ask all of these Japanese area questions using Showa dates.]

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Editorial

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You Gramsters are too quick for me! I thought that I could get two Grams out of one, but you caught me. There is no way around it, we simply must extend everyone's subscription by an issue to compensate. However, since it is New Year's Day, we will be especially generous and extend all subscriptions by not one but two issues. You don't buy that either? Ok, so it was New Year's Eve and I was so drunk that when the officer pulled me over I had to quickly save my Gram work (I really should not have been working on the computer while I was driving) and I wound up loosing it. You still get the two issue extension. What, you do not believe that either? Ok, Judy was the substitute editor and made all of the mistakes, but I am covering for her. You still get the extra issues. OK, you are just too good for me. I blew it. When I added Guy's report and finished working on my editorial, instead of saving it in preparation for sending, I simply sent it. Then I looked for the saved

version to send and it was not there. I was upset that I had to work on the editorial again, and forgot that the addition of Guy's piece had been at the same time. So, for those of you who followed the implied instructions and read only the second version, the whole thing is transparent and you were scratching your head about this whole thing. For those of you who read both versions of 1403, of course I am sorry about the confusion, and you had to put up with Guy's piece two days in a row and two different versions of the 1403 editorial and this long discussion of the mistake. The bottom line is that everyone gets a FOUR issue extension.

Now that I have started the year with apologies for mistakes at the end of 05, I should promise no more bad dates, nonsequential Gram or question numbers, typos or bad spelling--but I am not crazy enough to make THOSE promises. I do look forward to an interesting year with the most wonderful hobby on the planet! Happy New Year. =====
Mail Call

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Dear Editor;
No [the only difference was not the completed editorial]- you also dropped Guy Araby's report. When you screw up, you like to do it in groups, don't you?

Joe

Hey Fred!,
Just got through reading 1403, and I must say, I thought of 462 and 471. But it just didn't come to mind with the way the question was stated. Bill is going to be one tough nut to crack come March :-). I can hardly wait to see how he does under pressure! And without the books! Could get real interesting.
Glad to make you smile, but the 50 sen note was pretty easy. Sometimes your first instinct is the right one, sometimes it ain't.
If I don't have to look it up, that's easy.
I like the idea for two part questions, but I am getting kind of tired running back and forth to the book case! Maybe they should be from one book or the other!
Thanks Fred, Have a Happy New Year!

Jack

Dear Editor,
Liked the bit about the naming of WWII. It brought to mind that somewhere, sometime, but many moons ago I read a detailed discussion of the dates used to define the duration of the second world war ... and how these dates vary in different parts of the world and with

the point of view (and nationality) of the beholder.
My memory ain't what it used to be. Anyone out
there come across just such a discussion?

kerry

Dear Esteemed Editor,
I noticed you have the incorrect address listed for
the FUN Show, which starts on January 5. It has moved
from 9800 International Drive to Hall NB, North
Concourse, 9400 Universal Blvd, Orlando, FL 32819. I
do not think FUN has adequately advertised this
location change and many, many, many attendees will be
going to the old location. Let's make sure all
Gramsters know where it is and arrive first to sweep
up all of the goodies before the non-Gramster masses
arrive.

The Master Sergeant Daniel

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Calendar
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2006

Florida United Numismatists, Inc. 51st Annual Coin
Convention on January 5 - 8, 2006. Orange County
Convention / Civic Center, 9800 International Drive,
Orlando, FL. Hours Thursday, January 5 to Saturday,
January 7, 10:00 A.M. to 6:30 P.M. and Sunday, January
8, 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. This show is considered one
of the finest in the country with an exceptional
bourse, major auction by Heritage which includes CAA, great
exhibits, many coin club meetings and daily (almost hourly) educational
programs. Exhibits are competitive but you must be a member of
FUN. FUN has six category's which the YN's are
included in. BIS includes a fully paid ANA Summer
Seminar scholarship. The prizes are also excellent
and every exhibitor gets a nice medal (silver). Many
MPC collectors attend this show and the bourse usually
includes at least some MPC and similar material. Mini
Fests have been known to crop up at FUN. Visit FUN on
their web page for exhibit or show information
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The London Paper Money Fair has moved to: Victory
Services Club, 63 Seymour Street, off Edgware Road,
Marble Arch London and the dates are: Feb 5, May 7,
July 2 and Nov 26. see:www.britishnotes.co.uk or
www.londonpapermoneyfair.co.uk

Feb 9-11, Long Beach, mini fest to be announced

Mar 3-5 MPCFest VII John Cheney\$\$, Harold Kroll, C & D
Freeland, Roger Urcie, Pat Bethe, Karen Jach, Jack
Hunter (champ), G. W. Slade#, Larry 'Ski' Smulczenski,
Steve Swoish, Cuneyd Tolek, Loretta and Dick Freyser,
Bob Olson, Wendell Wolka, JANE* and Warner Talso,
Howard Daniel\$\$#, George Fitzgerald, Bill Haines, Bill

Meyers#, Nick S., Dave Hunsicker#, Gary Hicks, Adolf Witzke, John Cheney\$\$, Mark Watson, Ron Waddel, Rachel Feller, Ed Beaman, Carlson Chambliss, Sam Feedback, Judy and Fred Schwan Running totals: overall 34; new festers 4. \$ paid, \$\$ paid single, # new Fester, *special services auxiliary. Honor Roll: Mike Cummings, Robert Kutcher, Leo May.

Mar 9-12 CPMX, Chicago

1-2 April 2006, "PaperMoneyFair-Maastricht", in the "Polfermolen" in beautiful Valkenburg. Netherlands. The most important and best attended paper money bourse in Europe if not the world! For more information, go to the show's web site at <http://www.papermoney-maastricht.org/> or contact the show organizer, Jos Eijsermans, at apnc.eijsermans@wxs.nl

June 1-3 Long Beach, mini fest to be announced

3-5 March MPCFest VII

7-9 April ANA convention, Atlanta

16-18 June Memphis

1-14 July ANA summer seminar

16-20 August ANA convention, Denver

September 14th-16th, Long Beach, mini fest to be annuonced

The World Paper Money Fair, organised by the London chapter of the IBNS will be September 30/October 1 at the new venue: Hotel Russell, Russell Square, Bloomsbury, London. see: www.ibnslondon.org.uk

Oct/Nov Pcda St Louis

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2005 scholarship fund Donations of cash and numismatic material will be gladly accepted. Generally the numismatic material is auctioned at MPCFest, but might be sold via ebay or other places. Your scholarship donations help the hobby by sending qualified individuals to the ANA summer seminar military money class. Except for unavoidable charges like ebay fees,

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[http://www.papermoneyworld.net/news/MilitaryNumismatists Scholarship Fund 2003.pdf](http://www.papermoneyworld.net/news/MilitaryNumismatistsScholarshipFund2003.pdf) Marcus Turner

Scholarships from the ANA: See the following location for an application for financial aid to the summer seminar: <http://www.money.org/sumsemfin.html>

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ISSUED Notes no acceptance signature 1 Cent Serial number 91555 Date of issue 20-x-1956

UNESCO New York Office 5 Cents Serial Number 91548 Date of issue 20-x-1956

UNESCO New York Office 10 Cent Serial number 91544 Date of issue

20-x-1956 UNESCO New York Office 25 Cents Serial Number 91540 Date of issue 20-x-1956

UNESCO New York Office 50 Cents Serial Number 91538 Date of issue 20-x-1956

UNESCO New York Office 1 dollar Serial number 150320 Date of issue

20-x-1956 UNESCO New York Office

ISSUED Notes with stamps and signatures (these were actually used) 3 Dollars Serial number 286293 date of issue 30-IV-1960 signed in Rome Italy 3 Dollars Serial number 286294 date of issue 30-IV-1960 signed in Rome Italy there is a receipt from 10-17-1963 from First national Bank of Grand Junction CO debiting a Korean Stamp Society for the \$6.00. 1st Stamp on the notes is dated October 1, 1963

3 Dollars Serial Number 737191 Date of Issue

1.10.1970 signed Juaso Ghana

SPECIMEN UNESCO GIFT COUPON 1Pound Serial No. B issuance date 1 September 1951 VIA 52.1 (UK) g a AF 1Pound Serial No. B issuance date 1 September 1951 VIA 52.1 (UK) g a AF 1 UNUM Serial No. E (No Date) VIA 52.1 (UN) 1 a AF. 1.000 Francs Serial No. C Issuance date: 1 October 1951 REH 51, M. 9.

SPECIMEN UNESCO TRAVEL COUPON 10 Dollars No. A (No Date) VIA 53 IV 1 10 Dollars No. A (No Date) VIA 53 IV 1 100 Dollars No. C (No Date) VIA 53 IV 3

UNESCO COUPON SPECIMEN Booklet Date of issue 1.10.1979 missing cover \$1.00, \$3.00, \$10.00, 30.00, \$100.00, Cents not to exceed 99 Cents [1.1.1980] Imprimerie Courvoisier SA - Suisse SPECIMEN Check Book Value in UNUM each check has a serial number No Date There is a stub with each check and two receipts on each stub 1 Unum Serial no: 0,104,099 2 Unum Serial no: 0,035,099 5 Unum Serial no: 0,112,099 20 Unum Serial no: 0,072,099 50 Unum Serial no: 0,036,099 100 Unum Serial no: 0,022,099

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different notes 26 2 specimen sets with 6 different notes each 12 total
different notes 38 total
notes 52 net \$15,000.00

David Seelye, contact coinman@rochester.rr.com

WANTED SECTION:

Collectors may submit lists of items wanted for their collections for listing here.

Dealers and collectors who have these items, are then encouraged to list them for sale in the above section as a reply.

Wanted listings will run for a period of 1 month.

WANTED

CURRENCY LEAFLETS OF THE FIRST GULF WAR:

blurry brown and grey-blue, Friedman type 2 (Johnson type C61) CIA full color 25 dinar, Friedman types 3,6 (Johnson types F04 and one unlisted by him). This has white margins on the face and may be on light-weight paper.

CURRENCY LEAFLETS OF THE BOSNIAN INTERVENTION and

CURRENCY LEAFLETS OF THE SECOND GULF WAR:

Any that you have at hand that illustrate a banknote on one or both sides. Joseph E. Boling

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May Memorial at FUN

by Howard Daniel

We have a place and time for a memorial to Leo May. It will be in Room 330A at 3:30PM on January 7 at the FUN Show. Everyone is welcome to attend it.

Everyone is invited and will have an opportunity to share a thought or recollection of Leo Paymaster May. Valerie May will probably be at the event.

Allied Specimen Books in Auction

Three Allied military currency specimen sets have been consigned to the MPCFest auction. The three booklets are: 1) Specimens of Allied Military Mark Currency, 2) Specimens of Allied Military Currency [lire, unstated on cover], and 3) Specimens of Supplemental French Franc Currency

Booklets were prepared when the notes were printed. It has been widely stated that they were for education, training, and counterfeit detection purposes, but this has never been confirmed in any official way.

The mark booklet contains .5, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, and 1000 mark specimen notes made from Forbes-printed replacements that are perforated with the word specimen. The cover cover and each of the notes has small areas of discoloration from the disintegration of a rubber band that apparently held the booklets at one time.

The supplemental franc booklet contains specimens of the 2, 5, 10, 50, 100, 500, 1000, and 5000 franc denominations. The specimens have zero serial numbers. Of greatest interest is the 5000 franc denomination because it was not issued. Therefore it is available on is specimen form as in this case. This booklet has damage similar to the mark booklet described about but the marks appear less on the notes and in partiular the 1000 and 5000 franc notes have only tiny marks that would not be noticed if they were not in the booklet with more significant marks.

The lire booklet is a very interesting research item because the notes are all expedient specimens made from a combination of regular issues and replacements. The 1 and 2 lire notes are expedients from star notes of Series 1943. The 5, 10, 50, 100, and 500 lire are Series 1943A made from regular issues. The 1000 lire is also a Series 1943A, but it is a star note.

Although all booklets are rare. Expedient booklets like this lire booklet are relatively recent discoveries. Their exact history is not known. Since they include some, but not necessarily all star notes and have a rubber stamp SPECIMEN marking rather than perforated markings like the booklets that are known to have originated with the printers, it is believed that the expedients were created in the field by finance offices where additional specimens were needed. These creators knew that they should use star notes from examining the original specimen booklets,

but apparently could not find enough stars to make booklets of stars (this comes as no surprise to collectors!).

All booklets are rare and desirable. They have sold in the market from time to time, but no recent sales have been recorded.

Championship Question Corner

Question: Two barter series have the same series designation but different designs. What is the series?

Question 33, difficulty 3. Central Bank of the Philippines puppet bank notes were printed in what denominations? Question 34, difficulty 2.

Yesterday's question: Question: A five cent MPC is SN A00672500. What is the position number? Question 32, difficulty 2. How many colors were in the flag of Manchukuo? Question 33, difficulty 2.

The answer is: See comments from the field.

Comments from the field--Bill Meyers For 5 cents there are 672,000 notes per unit so A00672500 will be in the 2nd unit. Position 1 has the 1st 8000 numbers so I say position 1. The Manchukuo flag is a yellow field with four small stripes of red, blue, white and black in the canton.

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Editorial

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In rummaging around my office today, I found a an old college textbook: World Civilizations from Ancient to Contemporary by E. Burns and P. Ralph, third edition. It is volume 2, I do not seem to have any other volumes. The first edition was 1955, the third edition (the one that I have) was 1964. I do not think that I ever used this textbook in a class, but I might be wrong on that.

Anyway, before I tossed it, I sat down and looked it over and found lots of interesting things. Now I am afraid that I might put it on my to-read pile.

The first particularly interesting thing that I found was a chart on the cost of World War II (without stating what start date was used). It starts off by saying the the total cost was estimated at \$1,384,900,000,000 (estimate prepared by James H. Brady and the American University.)

Obviously, the human costs are far more and cannot be calculated, but even this monetary figure is all but impossible to comprehend. The authors try to give meaning to the figure by saying that for this figure, ALL of the following could be purchased.

--a house for every family in the US, Britain, Belgium, and Portugal

--a public library for every city of 200,000 inhabitants in the US, Britain, and the USSR

--a university for each of these cities

--an automobile for every family in the US
--salaries of 50,000 teachers and 50,000 nurses for
100 years
--college education for every high school graduate in
the US between 17 and 21 years of age.

The chart actually further specified the value of
the houses, cars etc. specified but I figure that we
can look at it as 1964 dollars or 2006 dollars and it
probably comes out the same (with the implied growth
of the cost).

I am excited about the consignment of specimen
booklets to the Fest auction. I have some interesting
experiences with specimen booklets. I will try to
write them up over the next few days or at least by
the time of the auction.

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Mail Call

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Dear Editor,

In the January ' 06 Bank Note Reporter there is an
article about American Bank Note Company archives
which have been purchased by Archival Collectibles of
New Jersey. The purchase included printing plates,
rollers, dies and other archival materials from ABNC. In addition to
exhibiting the items, there are plans
to offer some at auction in 2006. There are over
twenty pages listed in the index of Remembered which
deal with ABNC. Perhaps some of the items offered
will relate to the notes on those pages.
Also of interest is an offer from the Federal
Managers Association of the BEP which features Chief
Ouray as one of the intaglio prints on a souvenir
card. Cards are available plain (\$12.50) and in a
first-day cancellation which contains a three cent
Colorado stamp and a fifty-three cent Chief Ouray
stamp (\$16). The notice states orders should be
mailed to FMA Chapter 216 c/o O'Leary, 5908 Carters
Oak Court, Burke, VA 22015.

Roger

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Azad Hind coinage

by Joe Boling

Herb Friedman's marvelous treatise on Azad Hind notes (gram 1402) mentioned the Azad Hind coinage only briefly. I am not familiar with the piece he described bearing the portrait of Bose, but I am with the counterstamped Indian rupees. I prepared an exhibit of such a piece for the ANA convention in 1985. Here is the text relating directly to the coin.

COINAGE OF THE P.G.A.H. Coinage is surely the most difficult fiscal item for a government to prepare, but also one of the most tangible symbols of governmental stability. The subject of this exhibit is a rupee of the Empire of India counterstamped with the letters "P.G.A.H. 1943." The counterstamp is applied directly across the face of King George VI. A photograph of another piece shows the counterstamp obliterating the crown. Either application has interesting propaganda suggestions. The use of a counterstamp greatly simplifies the production of coinage; neither expensive minting equipment nor complete preparation of planchets is required. Preparation of a counterstamp die is relatively simple, any suitable coin from circulation can be used as a planchet, and any convenient location can serve as a mint. But why bother? Paper money is almost as easy to prepare, and ever so much cheaper. The inhabitants of the Burma-India border region are notorious for preferring "hard cash" over paper currencies. Allied airmen carried gold coins in their emergency kits for use if they had to walk out from a remote crash site; paper dollars, pounds, or rupees

would not do. Similarly, if the I.N.A. wanted to obtain goods and services along their route, and did not want to antagonize the locals by using expropriation as their currency, they would have to have something easily recognizable and accepted. What better medium than the local coinage, modified to add to the stature of the users and denigrate that of their enemies? Mr. Sengar reports that he has also seen this counterstamp on a Burmese rupee (Y-7, the peacock design). Either coin as a base piece would be recognizable and acceptable to the border-area residents; only the defacement might be a problem. We do not know who prepared these coins, nor where or when. This piece and the one reported by Surana were prepared on 1942 rupees. The action of striking the counterstamp die on the obverse virtually obliterated most of the date and the word "India" on the reverse, but the date can be made out with a microscope or good glass. I have seen no dates reported for other pieces. The use of Indian coins dated only a year before the counterstamp was applied indicates that either the originator had access to some purloined Indian coins (perhaps seized from a shipment to a bank) or that the counterstamps were applied to coins found locally after the I.N.A. entered India. Although these pieces may be modern fantasies, they seem to have the acceptance of the Indian specialists with whom I have discussed them. Only a few have been reported. The original information I received was that five had been retained by an I.N.A. officer for some thirty-nine years after the war before they reached numismatists. Another report, from a dealer, said that he had handled some and had three in stock. No contemporary reports of P.G.A.H. or I.N.A. coinage have come to my attention, so the issue may have been prepared and not used. It is certain that the British would not have let such coins circulate after the war, but the piece exhibited appears to have circulated at least briefly. There is dirt in the counterstamp, and the raised areas around it seem to be burnished from normal wear and tear. In any event, I am sure that the P.G.A.H. had better intentions, and did not regard this as a permanent coinage - but rather as a provisional's provisional.

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Championship Question Corner

Question: What issue was overprinted for Force T?
Question 35, difficulty 2. (bonus, what was the
highest denomination that was overprinted?). Along the
same line of highest denominations, what is the
highest denomination Government Printer Palestine for
Djibouti? Question 36, difficulty 2.

Yesterday's question: Two barter series have the same
series designation but different designs. What is the
series? Question 33, difficulty 3. Central Bank of the
Philippines puppet bank notes were printed in what
denominations? Question 34, difficulty 2.

The answer is: Series 1947 barter units come in two
designs. The Japanese puppet Central Bank of the
Philippines had two denominations printed: 10 and 100
piso. The question carefully asked what was printed
because certainly the 10 piso note was not issued. The
100 piso probably was not issued either, but the 10
certainly was not. Only one piece is reported and its
whereabouts are uncertain.

Comments from the field. Jack Hunter wrote--Wow, these
are deep on the list! Two different issues of Barter
notes from series 1947. I was unable to find your
listing for the Puppet notes for the Central Bank of
the Philippines. But according to some very old
information (N. Shafer) Guide to Philippines paper
money c.1964. The 100 pesos was the only denomination
printed, but not released for circulation. So unless
Neil decides to up-date this fine reference, it is all
the information I have. [Champ, you missed one. I can
hear the cheering around the country. Hm, I wonder how
many in the cheering section got it right.--Ed]
I know it is in WW II somewhere, but Neil's book
only has 128 pages, including the index! Not to
mention, the weight difference! So for speed in
finding things, Neil's book was a lock.

Maybe you can take on another project here, Fred. You
and Neil could go through and up-date the Philippines
book, along with his reference on Philippines
Guerrilla Gurrency, and combine them into one handy
book!

Sounds like a long over due idea to me! Maybe Neil
would like to hear this one! hehe!

Hell, put me on the list for the first copy!!

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Editorial

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Jack Champ Hunter brought up Neil Shafer's 1964 Philippine catalog. That is a great little book even now. It is a model of what a small country catalog should be. It is a good book now and was WAY ahead of its time in 1964. Very similiar statements can (and should) be made about his 1974 guerrilla catalog. Even though this book, too, was way ahead of its time, it seems like a new book to me because I experienced its release. I had not known Neil long in 1974, but we had struck up a good friendship in the short time that we had known each other. I was at several shows where Neil gave programs on the notes and the book so it seems like a recent thing to me. I recommend both books to everyone.

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Mail Call

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Dear Editor,

I have a few more comments relating the Central Bank of the Philippines puppet issues. I looked in the other 3 places for the Philippines, but not the Republic section. Not complaining, mind you, but the format in WW II is tough to follow!

And I know you don't need another project. But maybe you could convince Neil to do it himself, and BNR could publish it!

I'll assume your lack of response as a positive sign.
:-)

Jack

Dear Champ,

This seems like the Jack Gram, possibly Champ Gram? Nonetheless, you have brought up good points. That is why you are getting all of the ink, er, uh, electrons. Remembered can be a bit difficult to navigate if you use other catalogs as crutches. Joe and I knew that there were problems with the organization, but we were confident that the historical context would justify the work (I think that we were right, but look forward to other views). However, because we knew of the difficulties we included the country quick list on the last page of the book. If you use that list you can use Remembered much like the other books. If you do that, reading of the historical content is not allowed.

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University Collection to Fest Auction

The Kutztown University collection of military payment certificates will be sold by auction at MPCFest 7 according to university representative and Fester Carlson Chambliss. The collection was formerly on display at the university as part of a comprehensive paper money exhibit. It was removed from display in the university library out of security concerns.

The collection consists of 82 different notes representing a complete type collection of MPC. The proceeds of the auction will go to the university scholarship program. A detailed list of the notes will be published later in the Gram and in the Fest auction catalog.

Championship Question Corner
Question: Who created the first series of Fest notes?
(Question 36, difficulty 2) Japanese Invasion Money was printed but not issued for use in what country? (Question 37, difficulty 1)

Yesterday's question: What issue was overprinted for Force T? Question 35, difficulty 2. (bonus, what was the highest denomination that was overprinted?). Along the same line of highest denominations, what is the highest denomination Government Printer Palestine for Djibouti? Question 36, difficulty 2.

The answer is: British Armed Forces Special Vouchers were overprinted for Force T. Since all denominations were overprinted and Force T used the first series the highest denomination Force T note was the 1 pound. The highest denomination Djibouti GPP was 1000 francs. There is a special reason that this question is in the pile. In 1978 when we were working on the first S-B, there was some question on whether or not that Djibouti series included a 500 franc denomination. At Memphis that year, Amon Carter had a 500 in his case thus answering the question. I was able to squeeze that listing in only because the book had been slightly delayed. If you look at the listings for Djibouti in that book, you can tell that a little squeezing had been done.

Comments from the field. Regarding question 34 Jack Hunter wrote--I had to get the book out on this one! The Manchukuo flag has five colors, red, white, blue, black & yellow. Are these real madness questions? Or just spur of the moment? Keep them coming! [Hm, Jack you are really good. Yes n no. These championship questions are either direct madness questions, modified questions, or new ones added to the pile. Since they are open book here in the Gram, I sometimes change the question a little to make it more interesting or instructive. Madness seems to be shaping up. The final BCS rankings will be used to seed the contestants.--Ed.]

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Editorial

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Did you see (hear) it? The plug for Fest 7 that is? I was on the road to Orlando/FUN and trying to listen to the Orange Bowl on the radio. The first quarter was good and the reception was terrible so I pulled off at a Holiday Inn Express (where I am sitting at this moment typing this) to watch the rest of the game. It was indeed a great game, but the best part was the plug that Al Glaser was able to get into the game. During the fourth quarter the attendance at the game was announced as 77,773! Actually, I thought that Al had arranged a perfect 7 ladder, but somehow the coordination fell down a little. Still, being short four is within .005%. Since the Rose Bowl tonight is much closer to home, I think Al planned plug there will probably be even more successful. Way to go Al.

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Mail Call

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Dear Gram,

Interesting news about ABNC. For anyone interested about 2-3 weeks ago I donated a ABNC stock certificate for 100 shares to fest VII auction. Cancelled 1940.

Adolf

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Calendar

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2006

The for a memorial to Leo May. It will be in Room 330A at 3:30PM on January 7 at the FUN Show. See below for general information on FUN.

Florida United Numismatists, Inc. 51st Annual Coin Convention on January 5 - 8, 2006. Orange County Convention / Civic Center, 9800 International Drive, Orlando, FL. Hours Thursday, January 5 to Saturday, January 7, 10:00 A.M. to 6:30 P.M. and Sunday, January 8, 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. This show is considered one of the finest in the country with an exceptional bourse, major auction by Heritage which includes CAA, great exhibits, many coin club meetings and daily (almost hourly) educational programs. Exhibits are competitive but you must be a member of FUN. FUN has six category's which the YN's are included in. BIS includes a fully paid ANA Summer Seminar scholarship. The prizes are also excellent and every exhibitor gets a nice medal (silver). Many MPC collectors attend this show and the bourse usually includes at least some MPC and similar material. Mini Fests have been known to crop up at FUN. Visit FUN on their web page for exhibit or show information (www.funtopics.com).

The London Paper Money Fair has moved to: Victory Services Club, 63 Seymour Street, off Edgware Road, Marble Arch London and the dates are: Feb 5, May 7, July 2 and Nov 26. see:www.britishnotes.co.uk or www.londonpapermoneyfair.co.uk

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June 1-3 Long Beach, mini fest to be announced

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7-9 April ANA convention, Atlanta

16-18 June Memphis

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16-20 August ANA convention, Denver

September 14th-16th, Long Beach, mini fest to be annuonced

The World Paper Money Fair, organised by the London chapter of the IBNS will be September 30/October 1 at the new venue: Hotel Russell, Russell Square, Bloomsbury, London. see: www.ibnslondon.org.uk

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Interesting Info

by Joe Boling

While abstracting IBNS articles for the ANS's publication "Numismatic Literature," I ran across a surprising tidbit about British Military Authority (BMA) lire notes for Tripolitania. The article (IBNS 43:4, p44) is an account by Peter Symes of the

emissions of the Libyan Currency Commission, which commenced issuing notes in early 1952. I would not have expected military currency to still be circulating this late in a supposedly liberated area; it had been replaced in Germany and mainland Japan by 1948. During the initial replacement of locally-circulating currencies with Libyan notes, 1.114 million Egyptian pounds, 141.377 million Algerian francs, and 1.216 billion BMA lire were withdrawn. Yes, I said BILLION. Granted, the lira was not worth much (400 to the pound in Tripolitania, 480 to the pound in other parts of North Africa), but that's still a lot of cash. According to Theo van Elmt's seminal book on BMA currency, a total of 184 cases of notes were shipped from Libya to London for destruction (in addition to a much smaller quantity that was incinerated in Africa). The British needed to repatriate the banknote paper to England to be pulped for making new notes. By the end of 1954, 2595 1000 lire notes and 4937 500 lire notes were still outstanding. That's not many to spread among the hundreds of military currency collectors, considering that a substantial number of those notes were likely destroyed in use. Related to this - Milt Blackburn has consigned a copy of Van Elmt's BMA book to the scholarship auction at fest VII (no Ski, you have NOT heard about this yet - I am assembling a cache of materials for the auction and will communicate with you about them shortly). Where is the FUN report? All those gramsters there, and a special meeting honoring Leo, and not a word from you guys? *****

Championship Question Corner

Question: Allied military yen was printed by what three manufacturers? Question 40, difficulty 2. Who was the manager of the Frankfurt barter store? Question 51, difficulty 2 (51 you scream, ok, busted again. Some of you started screaming with the 40 that I put on the previous question so I will renumber this one 41 because I lost count and do not have the way to check it now.)

Yesterday's question: Who created the first series of Fest notes? (Question 36, difficulty 2) Japanese Invasion Money was printed but not issued for use in what country? (Question 37, difficulty 1).

The answer is: The answer is Harold Krol created the first series of Fest notes, but Steve Feller has an interesting alternative below. Unissued JIM was for the USSR.

Comments from the field: Steve Feller wrote that the first series of Fest notes was created by Fred Schwan for Coe College. Bill Meyer sent answers to questions in 1406. Since we are uncertain if they (the answers) ever ran, here is what he said: Force T notes were

overprinted on British Armed Forces Special Vouchers first series and done on notes up to one pound. Government Printer Palestine for Djibouti printed notes in 5, 20, 100, 500 and 1000 francs.

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Editorial
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Joe is certainly correct above that it is shameful that there have been no reports from FUN. We have not received any and I have not had much computer access (more below).

FUN was, well, fun. A substantial number of Festers and Gramsters were present which made for lots of good fellowship. Ray Bows and his wife Pia were there and again promissed to come to the Fest, but this time Pia was involved and sounded interested so I think that it will happen. Ray is working on a very interesting new book and will have some manuscript copy to show. He is also going to give a presentation on several different topics.

The main even for our community at the show was the memorial meeting held on Saturday afternoon. It was well attended and very nice. With Howard Daniel presiding, everyone was asked to share memories of Leo. It was about perfect. Although most of the stories were humorous at least in part, it was not jovial. Nor was it somber. About 40 people attended and shared memories. Valerie and her children and grandchild were there. I learned quite a few things about Leo and was moved many times. I hope that some others will write in with their thoughts and ideas.

At this moment, I am in Miami helping Valeri sort papers, notes, books, papers, albums, boxes, papers, coins (yes), papers, stamps (yes), did I mention papers? We collectors sure seem to generate a lot of paper! A friend in Port Clinton said of my office that he had never seen so much paper in his life. Of course much of it is printed in bright colors with denominations.

As I said, I am in Miami. I am going to list some books of Leo's in the PX section. Some are good books that many people will want. Others are probably of interest only because they were his. Please respond promptly on these because I cannot promise that you will be able to buy the books if you do not respond before I leave here. Of course Valerie would be happy to have the money and it will be good to keep some of this out of a landfill.

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Mail Call
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Dear Gram,

I will be driving to the fest from south of Okla City most likely the afternoon of Wednesday the 1st of March (1700) for anyone needing a ride to the fest from the Okla area or any state between Okla and Ohio. I may or may not take a short stop in the Indianapolis

area depending on the time of day I go thru there. I plan on arriving at Port Clinton sometime thur or thur afternoon and am going to the cmp fri morning.

Anyone who is taking part in the rifle practice/qualification might need supplies from cmp (civilian marksmanship program) :-) (hearing protection, ammo, rifle, sling , eye protection, data books, etc.)

Sam

Dear Gram,

Read the comments in relation to Neil's Philippine books on currency and that being my specialty, was quite interested. However, seemed like you and Jack were referring to other comments in an earlier Gram. I went back a number of Grams and must have missed the issue. Can you tell me which one it was?

By the way I do stock both of Neil's books, the 1964 and 1974 issues if anyone queries you on where they can be obtained.

Sorry but will miss FUN this year and seeing everyone. But with my wife trying to recover from her broken hip, I am not going anywhere for the next six months.

Thanks,

Ray Czahor

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Dear Esteemed Editor,

I noticed you have the incorrect address listed for the FUN Show, which starts on January 5. It has moved from 9800 International Drive to Hall NB, North Concourse, 9400 Universal Blvd, Orlando, FL 32819. I do not think FUN has adequately advertised this location change and many, many, many attendees will be going to the old location. Let's make sure all Gramsters know where it is and arrive first to sweep up all of the goodies before the non-Gramster masses arrive.

The Master Sergeant Daniel

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May Memorial Gathering

by Bill Myers

At 3:30pm on Saturday at the FUN show in Orlando, about 40 people gathered to honor the memory of collector, dealer, and friend Leo May.

The meeding was organized by Howard Daniel who also charied the meeting. The only thing on the agenda was to honor our lost Paymaster.

Howard asked everyone who wished (and everyone did) to say a few words to recall Leo.

Most comments had a hint of humor without being disrespectful and all spoke highly of a very respected member of the community. One particularly comment was made by a 16 year old girl who had been a kindergarden student of Leo's daughter. Leo had visited the class as Santa Clause. The girl and her classmates had readily believed that he was indeed Santa. That is not all that surprising, but she reports that she still believes.

I took a few pictures at the event which Doug has posted for everyone to see.

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The answer is: The three manufactures were--Stecher Traung, US BEP, and Japanese Finance Ministry Finance Bureau. The manager of the Frankfurt Barter Store was Lieutenant Branagan.

Comments from the field: Jack Hunter: The question of the day was raised at last Fest, Who were the three printers of AM Yen? I believe the answer given was Stecher Traung, The US BEP and The Japanese equivelent to the BEP. And that was deemed as correct by the independent panel of judges at that time, so it should be OK for a quick (not looking it up) answer. And the guy who ran the Barter store was the guys wife, or something like that. Sorry but I'm taking the easy way out on these two. It's just been one of those days all week. So I will catch up on the next ones.

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Editorial

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We continue to work like crazy cleaning out Leo's black hole. He had a nice starter hole here!

I listed a few more books tonight. Last night the first items sold within ten minutes of the Gram hitting the street, but there are still some good

things left.

All you would-be Festers should stop procrastinating and send in your reservation in soon please. Leo May collected Japanese Invasion Money by block

letter. Many of us do. He also had a lot of duplicates. Did I mention that he had a lot of JIM? Lots. I think that Valerie May is going to allow me to take the whole thing to the Fest so that we can get some things out of it for our collections. It may hinge on getting some response from you out there who would like to have a shot at the notes. By the same token, it will be a good chance for others to start a block collection!

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Mail Call

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Dear Gram,

I do not suppose you have made it home yet, but I wanted to get this to you before too much longer. I will be arriving in PC on Thursday so I will need lodging for the extra night. Double me up with a smoker, if there are any of us left... and let me know what the damages are going to be.

Jack

Dear Jack,

See below. I do not think that there are any smokers available. Anyone?

Editor

Dear Gram,

Time for me to register for Fest VII. Current gram does not have registration info. Pls advise by return e-mail fest fee + extra charge for single occupancy hotel room.

Also, please advise if your paypal ID is still fredschwan@yahoo.com

Thanks,

Brett Irick

Dearborn MI

Dear Brett,

Thanks for catching me on this lack of info. The single registration rate is \$198, double is \$148. Yes, for paypal, use fredschwan@yahoo.com. I will put this info in the notice below.

Editor

Dear Gram,

I did not know there was a pay distribution at FUN at the memorial for Leo May. I had my challenge coin & paybook & show & tell with me. I am a new recruit & I am ignorant of some of the rules. Is it possible to get this pay so I do not have to spend Sat night in

the barracks.

I took some pictures at the memorial & will get them to you when I get time to download my camera.

Bill Myers

Dear Bill,

Let's wait to see what the membership has to say.

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Father of a Numismatist

By Fred Schwan

While working on Leo Mays notes etc., I came across
the obituary of Leo G. May, Sr. Leo had it nicely
laminated and carefully stored among his things. Not
only because he was our Leos father, but also because
he was a WWII veteran, I thought that it would be
reasonable to share at least most of it here. I have
left out the contributions information and other minor
administrative things. I am sorry that I do not know
from what newspaper the obituary came.

Captain Leo May
(July 24, 1909 February 26, 1995)

VallejoCaptain Leo G. Many, USN (red.), former

administrative officer at Mare Island Naval Shipyard, and who practiced law in Vallejo from 1963 to 1980, died Sunday in a hospital in Walnut Creek following a long illness. He was 85.

He was born in Rome, NY and was a long time resident of Vallejo. He attended St. Aloysius Academy in Rome, NY from first to 12th grades; entered the US Naval Academy in 1926 and was graduated in 1930 at age 20. He was commissioned ensign before being old enough to vote. During his career, he served in the battleships Wyoming and Pennsylvania, and in the cruiser Montgomery in the early years of his naval career. He served as division officer of the Beaver in 1935, and during World War II, he commanded the destroyers, Tattnell and Paul Hamilton and served as executive officer at the Naval Academy in the final months of the war. In 1948, he became officer-in-charge of the Naval reserve Training Center at Utica and Syracuse, NY, and during that time he was promoted to captain. He also served as commander of the Mathews and was commander of fleet activities at Sasebo, Japan, before coming to Mare Island in 1958. He retired from the service in 1960 after 34 years in the Navy. Upon his retirement from the Navy, Captain May attended Boalt Hall Law School of the University of California, Berkeley and passed the 1963 fall bar examination.

Captain May was a member of St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, Vallejo Elks Lodge No. 559, and the Knights of Columbus, Vallejo council No. 874. His wife, Priscilla Pat, preceded him in death. He is survived by a daughter, Priscilla Pam Kloski of Vallejo; a son, Leo G. Jr. of Miami, Fla.; a brother, J. Paul of East Aurora, NY; six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

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Question 53, difficulty 2.

Yesterday's question: What was the highest denomination of each of the following issues: Barter units; Foreign Trade Payment Certificates; Traveller's Coupons? Question 52, difficulty 3.

The answer is: See below where Bill Meyers actually gives a little too much information that might get him in trouble at the Fest.

Comments from the field: Bill Meyers wrote: Barter units were issued in 1, 5, 10, 25, 50 & 100 units. Foreign Trade Payment Certificates were issued in 5, 10, 25 & 50 cents, \$1 & \$5. Traveller's coupons were issued in 50 pf, 1 & 5 DM [It seems that Jack the champ is either being stumped or being lazy, neither are good ways to repeat.]

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Editorial
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In items from the May inventory (which we have been selling here in the Gram--with good results, thank you) I found an interesting, but tiny little pamphlet (double redundancy there, but eight pages really is small) on Japanese War Medals Orders-Decorations. The subtitle is Illustrated-Priced Catalogue illustrations by John E Snitzel, compiled by Lenard L. Babin, Rochester, New York. Price of the pamphlet was \$1. I cannot find any indication of a date of publication. Mr Snitzel was very key in this thing because the medals are illustrated by drawings rather than photographs. I think that we will be able to get some ideas if not information from this pamphlet for Remembered 2.

A Google search on John Snitzel yields some information worth pursuing. Possibly some Rochester Gramsters will do that. I could not find any copies of the pamphlet anywhere on the net, but I did find one larger title by him.

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Dear Bill Meyers....Take Some Time....Glad You Were There...I Sure Wish I Could Have Been....Please Share Your Photos... You Can, Personally, Be Guaranteed, You Will Be Taken Care Of.....!!!!
This Is "Huge" In Our Community...We Need Time...!!!
Total Respect & Honor...!!....."The Hat"
Ed Beaman

Editor-----I too would like a smoking room - am driving expect to arrive about noon Friday. Mailed copies of stamps I have - expect they will be there when you get home.

Adolf

Dear Adolf and Ron,
Busted, ok you guys caught me. I was trying to put you with non smokers to protect your health and money--especially your money so that I could get more of it! Looks like roommates are found. We might quarantine the room!

Editor

Dear Gram,
If it helps any, I have 47 questions, counting bonus, etc. It is working, so keep it up.
Take Care, Ron

Dear Editor,
Yeah, I've been bitten by that [JIM] bug too. Would love a shot at expanding my starter set! If Val will

allow it, that is.

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JIM Fest

Theme Fest? Fest with a theme? For the first time MPCFest 7 will have a theme. The idea is to announce a theme to encourage people to bring a certain type of material to the Fest and/or to have presentations in line with the theme. It is always possible that a swap session will break out on the theme as well. That is particularly true this year because the theme is going to be Japanese Invasion Money.

This theme became obvious over the past few days as the letters have been flying about the May JIM. Kind of a nice ring to that like Mayday. The Fest theme is not to be confused with the underground, unsanctioned, discouraged, and entirely unpredictable unofficial Fest name. Interestingly, however, the unofficial title for Fest II--Next Fest--was coined by none other than the ol paymaster himself.

So, bring your JIM, your lists, magnifying glass, UV light and some money and be prepared to play with JIM.

Auctioneer Address Corrected

The email address of ye ol Fest auctioneer Larry Ski Smulczewski has been incorrectly listed in the Gram. The correct address is SkiTex@cox.net. Contact him with auction issues.

Championship Question Corner

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Yesterday's question: In what states were the headquarters of Stecher-Traung, Forbes Lithograph, and E. A. Wright? Question 53, difficulty 2.

The answer is: See below where Bill Meyers has the right answers and some commentary as well.

Comments from the field: Bill Meyers wrote: In what states were the headquarters of Stecher-Traung, (San Francisco, CA), Forbes Lithograph (Chelsea, MA), and E. A. Wright (Philadelphia, PA). I add more information then requested to help me learn extra information in case it is a test question.

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Editorial

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In the last few days I talked about the Babin pamphlet on Japanese medal, orders, and decorations. We also had the obituary of Leo May, Sr in yesterday's Gram. This evening at dinner Valerie May was talking about the May family. She mentioned that a medal that he had earned had been handed down to Leo Jr. When I asked her what the medal was, she showed me where Leo had it proudly displayed in a wall frame. I was surprised at what I found. I expected a Legion of Merit or something like that. To my surprise it was a Japanese medal. That sent me back to the obituary to verify that Captain May had been stationed in Japan after the

war and he had. I recognized the medal as Japanese, but I did not know for sure what it was. That sent me to the Babin pamphlet and ther it was Order of the Sacred Treasure, commander.

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Mail Call

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Dear Gram,

For many years Leo and I traded, exchanged, bought and sold JIM with each other to build our colletions. I think that it will be wonderful to have his JIM at the FEST. I look forward to looking for some pieces for my collection and think that it is a fitting tribute to Leo to have it there and give everyong a chance to find something.

Neil Shafer

Dear Editor,

I saw your editorial regarding Leo's JIM collection possibly becoming available for collectors. Could I sent you a wish list of block letters for purchase? I did not know Leo, but it is clear from the comments sent from the Gram readers that we lost a great friend of our collecting passion. My best goes to Val and his surviving family.

K

Dear K,

Thanks for writing. There is no possibility that I will publish a list. (Zero chances, zip, dada, nil) The best way to guarantee your chances is to come to the Fest, you will like it I am confident. If you cannot get a pass to come to the Fest (shame), you might be able to find a volunteer to search using your check list. If that interests you (or anyone else for that matter), write another letter to asking for such help and we might find a volunteer or two.

Next, a few people have approached me about buying the whole thing after the Fest. I think that this is going to happen (details probably will be announced at the time) so you could try corresponding with the buyer. Finally, possibly the buyer will run lists of the notes in the PX.

I really think that you should come to the Fest.

Fred

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Movie Reivew--the Great Raid

by Ken Berger

Since the GRAM has been discussing JIM lately, I'd like to mention a certain movie. It's The Great Raid & is about the largest rescue of POWs (511) in U.S. history. It took place during WWII in the Philippines. All the POWs were succesfully rescued (although one died soon soon afterwards) & only two of the rescuers died. Anyway, twice in the movie JIM is pictured. The first time is at the market & you can clearly see a 5 peso note. The second time is when the nurse & other Filipinos are paying a truck driver for transport. I could not make out the specific

denomination. However, if my Tagalog serves me correctly, the driver says to a Filipina that he will not accept the Japanese money as payment, so the nurse comes forward & pays him w/ some other money.

It is a good movie.

Championship Question Corner

Question: What Philippine JIM Southern development Bank Issue or issues with Rizal monument vignette is lithographed? Hint, we are asking for a denomination/s. Question 55, difficulty 2. bonus question: Where were 1/4 shilling Japanese Government notes issued? Question 56, difficulty 2.

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Comments from the field: Bill Meyers wrote: The overprint is on Malaya JIM. I am stumped on who introduced the term JIM but will take a guess at Joe Boling. I will try a second guess on the bonus-Kazuya Fujita.

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Editorial

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Joe fired at me (no big surprise there) about getting scholarship information undated. Well, I fired the staff member responsible for that, but his point is still well taken. I updated some of the information below and have asked Marcus and Doug for some help in getting more of it done.

The more important point is, however, that it is that time to think about the summer seminar and therefore scholarships. If you would like to attend the summer seminar, you should visit the ANA web site (www.money.org) for details. You should consider applying for a scholarship and you certainly should plan on supporting our scholarship efforts even if you cannot attend this year.

This will be the sixth year for the summer seminar military class (the seminar started the year after the Fest so the seminar number is one less than the Fest, I think). It has been very successful in spreading the

word about the most wonderful numismatic speciality and in recruiting collectors. If you have not been in the past, and cannot attend this year, I suggest that you plan on it for the future. It is a great week. You can be sure that you will read more about this here in the upcoming weeks and months (not too many months).

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Mail Call
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Dear Gram,
The ranks in Babin are apparently his attempt to overlay French style grades on the orders. The Japanese identify them only by number. Looking in Babin (of which I have two copies), I can see that what he is calling commander is the third class. That is a badge suspended from a cravat for wear around the neck, a quite high degree of that order (which comes in eight classes). Is that truly what Leo's father earned? I would expect it to be a badge suspended from a triangular breast ribbon, with or without a rosette on the ribbon, and with the lower classes bearing no enamel. Is his enameled, and if so, what is the width of the badge overall, and are any of the white rays gold plated? If not enameled, what color is the badge, gold or silver? Where is the diploma for the medal? From your comment about selling the May JIM collection after the fest, it sounds as if you are NOT planning to sell individual notes from it, but to exhibit it only ("a few people have approached me about buying the whole thing after the Fest"). Is that correct?
Joe

Dear Joe,
Thanks for the comments on the Order of the Sacred Treasure. Here are some more details on the hardware hanging in the May home. It is enameled (ironically red, white and blue). It is suspended from a yellow and white ribbon. It is about two inches across. There is no certificate in sight.
In spite of the fact that I had not ever seen a Babin monograph (at least that I can recall), I am not surprised that YOU have a copy. I am a little surprised, however, that you have two copies! I could ask the date and cost of acquisition, but I will just suggest that you offer the duplicate in the PX. Leo's JIM will be available for everyone to paw through and make purchases from. The exact mechanism may not be decided until after the Fest.

Editor

Dear Esteemed Editor,
I was in the Cameo Coins & Collectibles store in Vienna, Virginia yesterday and saw a set of 12 plates commemorating the 100th anniversary of West Point in

1931. The plates are made by Wedgewood and each has a different scene of West Point and information on the back about it. They are a fantastic set of plates and would really enhance a collection centered on West Point, and/or look really good in an exhibit. The owner of the set is John Sullivan. His telephone number is 703-281-7053 and his email address is CamCoins@AOL.com. I think he wants \$750. for the set.

The Master Sergeant Daniel

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Military Payment Certificates by Schwan, Second edition (yellow cover). This is the scarcest edition of the four. It is in demand for collectors of MPC literature. It is in excellent, but not perfect condition. Unfortunately, it was not autographed to Leo, but a new autograph can be added to the new owner with or without mention that it came from the May library. \$25

English Paper Money by Vincent Duggleby, fourth 1990 edition. \$10.

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

M. L. King, Jr., whom we honor today, has not been a major figure in numismatics and even less so relating to military numismatics, but that is not much of a surprise considering the period of his life.

MLK is, however, pictured on one numismatic item that is of interest on United States series I bonds. Specifically he is portrayed on the \$100 bond. Incidentally, I bonds now are paying a relatively healthy 6.73%.

Military collectors come to their interest in I bonds through their interest in Series E defense and war bonds. From there it was a short leap to all E bonds then the only slightly larger leap to all government securities.

You can view a MLK bond at this location. You can no longer buy paper bonds on line, but you can go to your banks and purchase paper bonds by obtaining and sending in a form. Possibly the form is also available online.

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Yesterday's question: What Philippine JIM Southern development Bank Issue or issues with Rizal monument vignette is lithographed? Hint, we are asking for a denomination/s. Question 55, difficulty 2. bonus question: Where were 1/4 shilling Japanese Government notes issued? Question 56, difficulty 2.

The answer is: the columnists below have all of the info.

Comments from the field: Champ Jack Hunter wrote: I liked your comment about me being "stumped or lazy". So my reply is: Stumped? Maybe. Lazy? Absolutely.

And to tell you the whole truth, I'm going for lazy again tonight. The Rizal monument note that is lithographed is the 500 peso note. As for the 1/4 shilling note, I have a hunch that this is another of your trick questions. But I'll say Oceania anyway.

Seems I've heard that these were fantasy notes or something to that effect. So who knows where they were issued? [hm, well our answer is that they were not issued at all in the sense of an official agency issuing thing.]

I know that I have been slacking off on getting my answers in on a timely basis. But I have a good excuse. But you know what excuses are like... and they all stink. So I won't bore you with the details. Bill Meyers wrote: Philippine JIM Southern Development Bank Issue 1,5,10 pesos notes had lithographed backs and the face and back of the 500 pesos inflation notes are lithographed. There is an inflation issue 100 & 1000 pesos notes that are lithographed but do not have the Rizal Monument on them. The Oceania 1/4 shilling note was not a Japanese issue and is probably a fantasy note.

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Editorial
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This is the last Gram that I am preparing in Miami. I hope that it is the last one that I do in Florida, but I may not make it out of Florida Monday depending on how early I get out of here.

The above was written on Sunday night. It is now Monday at 10am. Departure does not look imminent. Most of the computer functions on Valeri May's computer have worked just fine, but still it was an experience. She uses AOL so when I create the Gram, I must go to Yahoo through AOL. I think that AOL builds in things to discourage such practices.

The most significant is the way that the Yahoo spelling checker works from within AOL--it does not. Of course I am also jumping from Mac to Windows--an even bigger jump I suppose than AOL to Yahoo. The spelling checker had only recently gotten workable on my computer setup so it was not a big deal to me and you all have gotten accustomed (sort of) to our fat fingered approach.

If you do not receive the E-sylum (you should), editor, friend, and great numismatist Wayne Homren recently described some computer trials in getting his publication out. When his room internet connection would not work in the middle of the night (imagine that), he was forced to huddle in his car instead where somehow he did have a connection. E-editors are a dedicated lot.

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Mail Call
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Dear Gram,

The Leo May Sr. Order of the Sacred Treasure is either the 5th or 6th class; whether or not any of the rays are gilt is the next information needed. The Babin booklet is really of interest only to literature collectors. Anyone who wants to know about Japanese orders and decorations should acquire a copy

of Peterson, Orders and Medals of Japan and Associated States, OMSA Monograph #1, 3rd edition. The first and second editions are little different from each other; the 3rd is much improved.

Joe

Dear Joe,

So what is your point? The rays are silver in color so it is gilt I suppose.

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Another bond ad using a Japanese bond as
"bait"

by Joe Boling

I was working on my backlog of unaccessioned bonds two nights ago, and came across a very interesting item. It is an advertisement promoting US bonds, using a Japanese bond as an example of what the US buyers should be emulating - similar to the Life magazine ad from the National Dairy Products Corporation that is shown in SB (page 565). This one is from the Reardon company (not otherwise described - I don't know what kind of business they were in), and the ad copy is not nearly as explicit as the one in Life (in terms of describing how Japanese consumers are sacrificing for the war effort). But the part of the piece that is so intriguing is the serial number of the bond - mu 121304. This is one number higher than the piece that the Dairy Corporation used. So, who acquired a consecutive group of these Japanese China Incident treasury bonds and distributed them to advertising agencies to use for ad copy? The Reardon piece has the bond printed (somewhat

reduced) on one side of the sheet, and the ad copy on the other side, in plain text - not very fancy. It was a stand-alone flyer, not a page in a magazine. But the side with the bond shows that it is complete - all coupons present. The one in the Life ad is folded under so we can't see the bottom row, and can't tell whether it is complete. This bond was issued 13 December 1940, so the first coupon should have been clipped and redeemed before our borders with Japan were closed in December 1941. If the bond was being held by a fiduciary institution in the US, I would expect that to have happened on schedule. Similarly, if the bonds were being held outside the US, I would have expected coupons to be clipped up to the time they came into US custody. So these unclipped bonds (and any others numbered on either side of them) must have been held by someone in the US who could not submit the first coupon on schedule, and who subsequently lost control of the pieces in some manner that I cannot guess. Have any gramsters run into accounts of Japanese-related assets being confiscated? Also of current interest is my source for this piece - Leo May, at the New York 1997 ANA convention. Cost \$10.

Championship Question Corner

Question: How much money did the Japanese War Notes Claimants Association of the Philippines - JAPWANCAP recover from the US government? Question 59, difficulty 2. What is the highest block number confirmed for Philippine JIM? Question 60, difficulty 2.

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Comments from the field: Champ Jack Hunter wrote: It seems that you are stuck on the Malayan issues lately. Because Malaya notes were denominated in "Dollars" it was an easy assumption that they were intended for the invasion of America. Operation Greenville was, again a Malayan issue. Under Col. Eifler, the OSS / SOE produced counterfeit notes of Malaya JIM. Have a safe trip.

Bill Meyers wrote: Malaya JIM was in dollars and cents so falsely advertised as US invasion money. Operation Grenville was the SOE operation to counterfeit Burmese & Malayan JIM.

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Editorial

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We only managed to make it to central Florida yesterday after a week in Miami. Partially that was from fatigue at looking at notes. I told someone on the phone that I had actually gotten tired of looking at note--yeah, like getting tired of studying Playboy magazine.

Between shopping for oranges and stopping for coffee, we just did not make it very far. I think that the real problem was hesitancy to leave Florida. The combination of no hurricanes or snow is a powerful one.

Today is starting out about the same. Even though I am not sitting at the pool writing this, I could be, and the sun is streaming through the motel window, it is altogether beautiful, and I am having difficulty getting going this morning. This is exacerbated by some difficulties with the hotel internet connection (shades of Wayne Homren).

Nonetheless, I need to get going. I am going to try hard to find some actual numismatic adventures along the way today and tomorrow. I have a few possibilities in mind.

I loved Joe's find of another Japanese bond in an advertisement. Heck, I loved the first one so this one has to be great too. It is antother example of my opinion that numismatics is everywhere.

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Mail Call
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Dear Gram,
No, gilt is gold plate. If the rays are all silver
(filled with white enamel, of course), then it is the
6th class, the lowest of the enameled classes, and
about on a par with what I would expect a foreigner
who was not a flag officer to receive.
Joe

Dear Gram,
After some problems I worked out the transportation
so put me down for Fest VII!

Neil Shafer

Dear Editor,
Greetings, I am a bit behind in reading my Grams but
I noticed that your answer to Question #37 in Gram
#1407 about 'unissued JIM' was: "un-issued JIM was for
USSR".....I say "What about the un-issued JIM for
INDIA??? Did I miss the follow up?
I managed to come across some MRE's up here in North
East Kenya near to the Somalia border. Maybe I have been out in the
bush too long but they
are delicious! Meat Loaf in gravy along with a nice
little bottle of Tabasco sauce, crackers (not hard
tack), and a powdered kool aid type concoction.
These are leftovers literally from the Marines
exercises up in this area 1 and half years ago.....
Murray Hanewich
Inside IBNS Newsletter Editor

Dear Murray,
I am sorry, but I do not have a clue what Indian
pieces you are talking about. Azad Hind perhaps.
Interesting idea, but no confirmed pieces that I know
of. Tell us more please.
Amazingly, I have something to add on the MRE front
too! Leo had a case of MREs in his office hidden under
bank notes, Nazi souvenirs, beanie babbies, bank note
albums, Disney dollars, and some less important
things. Possibly the MREs were from the Fest when Doug
Bell arranged to serve them. I thought about selling
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Eyes for the Navy

by Jim Downey

In a previous Gram, I discussed the "Eyes for the Navy" program from WWI.

The United States Navy was so ill-prepared for the war that they had to ask for donations of binoculars, telescopes, sextants and similar devices for the war.

A person who donated to the program received a personal note and a large, ornate certificate signed by the Secretary of the Navy Franklin D. Roosevelt. These documents are highly sought after from autograph collectors. In addition to these items, the person also received a check for \$1.00 drawn on the US Treasury. The note indicated that the check was payment in full for the item donated. In the event that the item was returned after the war, the money would be considered rent.

At the time the previous article was written, the question was asked whether a similar program was done during WWII. After a few years of searching, I can confirm that the Navy did operate a similar program in WWII. I recently acquired a US Treasury check for \$1.00 and an accompanying letter from the Paymaster General of the Navy, Rear Admiral W.B. Young. The letter thanks the recipient for his donation of a pair of binoculars to the US Navy.

As with the "Eyes for the Navy" program in WWII, Admiral Young's letter also indicates that the check is payment for the binoculars and is to be considered rent in the event that the item was returned after the war.

Unlike the WWI checks which indicate on them that they are for binoculars, this check does not identify its purpose. The check is a plain US Treasury check from the Navy dated July 13, 1942. Without the accompanying letter, the check loses its meaning since its purpose is otherwise lost.

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Yesterday's question: How much money did the Japanese War Notes Claimants Association of the Philippines - JAPWANCAP recover from the US government? Question 59, difficulty 2. What is the highest block number confirmed for Philippine JIM? Question 60, difficulty 2.

The answer is: JAPWANCAP never obtained any money from the United States or Japan. However, it did create some interesting varieites for collectors. The highest block recorded for Philippine JIM is 74 although I might be behind on this and some specialists might write in on the subject.

Comments from the field: Bill Meyers wrote: he US dismissed the JAPWANCAP case due to expiration of the statute of limitations so \$0 was recovered. Higest block number is 87.

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I do not know if it is true or not, but I heard that during the first Gulf War, the army bought all of the hand held GPS units in the country. They bought them from manufacturers and retailers everywhere. This sounds very much like the Eyes for the Navy program that Jim Downey describes above. If it is true, there should be documents to provie it, but there very well might NOT be numismatic relics like checks. We did not make many miles yesterday. We are still south of Atlanta and probably will not make it home today, but tomorrow looks like a sure thing.

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Mail Call
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Dear Gramsters:

Our sincere thanks to Howard Daniels for all his work in arranging the Leo May tribute at the FUN show. Thanks also to Cindy Wibker for arranging a great meeting room for this tribute as such a late date. We just returned from a successful NYInc show where we were the last week. Thus, the lateness of these comments.

It was a moving and very inspiring tribute for our good friend Leo. All of his close friends in the MPC Gram family made comments that had all of us either laughing or sad. The most heartwarming and inspiring moments came when the family and close friends of this MPC Icon and Paymaster spoke. It was very heartwarming to hear these wonderful comments from not only the family and friends but also the Gramsters who loved Leo so much. Leo left a lasting and loving impression on everyone he came in contact with. He will be greatly missed, but will live in all of our memories.

Every Christmas Eve we will look up in the sky to see a shooting star, which will represent Santa and his sled. At Santa's side will be Leo, assisting him with delivering the gifts to all the children of our world.

Love and Friendship, John and Nancy Wilson, Ocala, FL.

Howdy,
Included herein is a link [I hope it works] showing a

few 'short snorters' from WW II's USAAF 447th Bomber Group. I hope you'n'th'gang like it.

Her 'tis:

<http://www.447bg.com/library/shortsnort.html>

Jay in Garrison, TX

Dear Jay,

Great find. Here is some of the text from the site.
Right on!

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Editor

Dear Editor,

Well, I see you removed the 2nd occurrence of MPCFest VII from the calendar but you still have the ANA in April stuck between two June events. No complaints, just an observance FYI.

Dick and Loretta

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Museum Holdings to Be Sold

by George Cuhaj

The directors of the American Numismatic Society have contracted with a firm in England, to offer at auction their holdings of World Decorations and Military medals.

The items were packed recently from the NYC HQ, and shipped to the auction firm. (Sorry, but the name escapes me right now.)

It will NOT INCLUDE US MILITARY MEDALS and

DECORATIONS, however, the holdings in the world section were the largest in any US Museum.

They include many items with providence to J. Sanford Saltus, and Harold Gillingham among others.

There are several Collars of wonderful European orders, as well as sash badges, stars, and many other items.

Included are a large group of British Military medals. More information should be available in time.

Championship Question Corner

Question: General HOMMA Masaharu was the commander of Japanese forces in the Philippines during the initial attacks and early occupation. He was known for writing poetry. What kind of issues bear his name? Question 63, difficulty 2. What JIM issue had a 1 cent denomination? For that same issue, what was the highest denomination? Question 64, difficulty 2.

Yesterday's question: What JIM monetary units were used in the Solomon Islands? Question 61, difficulty 2. How many fractional MPC are in a full unit? Question 62, difficulty 1.

The answer is: See below they got it right.

Comments from the field: Champ Hunter wrote: The Solomon Islands, were in the area of Oceania. So the JIM used there were in monetary units of Pounds and shillings. 672,000 notes to the fractional MPC unit. 8000 sheets X 84 positions. Challenger Bill Meyers wrote Solomon Islands used Oceania JIM, in denominations of 1/2, 1 and 10 shillings and 1 pound. Roger Urce wrote: The JIM notes for Oceania - in Australian Pounds, at 20 shillings to the pound, were used in the Solomon Islands. For the bonus, there are 8000 sheets each with 84 notes/sheet for a total of 672,000 notes for each of the fractional denominations. I believe the answer you are looking for is 672,000 x 4 or 2,688,000/full unit. [no, I do not know where the 4 factor comes from, 672,000 is the answer--ed] As far as the highest block number for Philippine JIM, I am confused. Gram 1415 has two answers - 74 and 87 as reported by Bill Meyers. Which is correct? [good catch here, the largest that I know of is 74, but I repeat that I could be corrected here--Ed]

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Editorial

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An article, letter or editorial in the e-sylum last week commented on unfinished or more importantly unpublished manuscripts. I was going to write the following commentary for that publication, but then realized that I could use it here and let Wayne republish it if he would like.

Unfortunately, I have a few unpublished manuscripts. Of the three that I am thinking of (there might be

more), there is a continuum of likelihood that they will ever be published. In order from most likely to (eventually) be published they are (titles approximate): United States Defense and War Bonds, World War II Allied Military Currency, and Military Vignettes.

All three of these were near publication at one time or another. The most interesting story here is about Military Vignettes. In the 1970s and 80s I wrote a monthly column called Military Vignettes for the Bank Note Reporter. Eventually, I decided to publish an anthology of these many columns. The special hook was that I would publish the articles as they originally appeared with annotations.

This was in about 1984. Word processors were not what they are now, but still I had one and worked real hard on the project. I got most or all of the articles typed. I also wrote most of the annotations. In many cases the annotations were as long or even longer than the original articles. I must say that the articles and annotations included some really good information. As mentioned in the e-sylum, the last 10% causes a lot of trouble and often means the difference between publishing and not. In this case I never got the last 10% done. However, I did make up a mock-up of the cover. I also photographed it and included it on a price list somewhere along the line. I am pretty sure that I never accepted any money for copies because I think that (among other things) I never decided on a price. Some other project got in the way.

Unfortunately, Grover Criswell lifted the notice with picture of the cover from some sales literature and included it on a price list of his. He must have put a price on it because I believe that he took a few orders. Grover was infamous for taking orders for vaporbooks and this was one of his worst examples. Now for the really good part. You can go to Amazon.com today and look for this title with author Schwan and find that it is out of print. I would say that that is an understatement!

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Dear esteemed Freditor,

Debbie and I were sorry that we did not get the opportunity to be graced by your presence at the FUN show! However, we were happy that we did by chance run into the Boss and caught up on the latest. As Val was with her it gave us a chance to express our condolences to her. We had a nice chat. Leo will be missed by us. Things are starting to get back to somewhat normalcy here in the "CHOCOLATE CITY " "Mayor Nagin's words" although one wonders if things will ever again be normal in the "Big Easy."

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Hope to see you in Memphis!

Bob Reed

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Show Report--FUN

by Roger Urce

After attending FUN, we like to take a week or so and remain in Florida to relax, and on this trip, to study "the Book" in preparation for March. Consequently, this report is somewhat delayed. Overall FUN was a good show; coin dealers far outnumbered paper money dealers and those dealt primarily with US paper. A number of dealers offered MPC, either in the very common/low priced range or scarcer notes that were priced accordingly. We did manage to find some notes at tables manned by Dave Amey and James Warmus. Some "junk boxes" yielded a couple of high grade French West Africa notes (SB 1371 and SB 1373) at very undervalued prices and a couple of JAPWANCAP overprints in varieties I did not have. While Larry and I were looking over some notes at Tom Denly's table, Fred arrived (the table was right up front next to the main entrance). As we discussed various matters numismatic, a number of Festers passed by and joined in the discussion which lasted the better part of two hours. We were joined by Ray and Pia Bows who, as has been reported, plan to attend the Fest and will have some very interesting items from various conflicts for show and tell. Later on I asked Fred about the organization of Remembered and said that I thought the listing could have been done alphabetically by country to make them easier to find. He related how he and Joe organized the book in its present form so that all AMC issues, JIM issues and the like would be listed together. I said I could see his logic, but found it a bit troublesome finding the quick country list in the first few pages of the book. Fred replied the list was not located in front, only the table of contents were there, and that the list

was on the last page to facilitate its use. Okay, but there is a quick country list in front - no said our Editor and was insistent until I showed him my copy. Seems we both learned something we didn't know. Larry also had some items for the Fest auction, one of which is a ledger from the USS Jack W. Wilke DE 800 with entries beginning on 24 September 1944 and ending on 30 June 1946. The neatly entered data lists ship's store activities and deposits of larger sums which are speculated to be for payroll. A Google search revealed the Wilke was named for Jack Winton Wilke of California who as a Naval aviator was assigned to Torpedo Squadron 8 on board USS Hornet. This squadron, along with a number of other units engaged the Japanese at the Battle of Midway in June of 1942. Except for one pilot, all were lost in the battle. The USS Wilke was commissioned in March of 1944 and saw war duty as a convoy escort in the Atlantic and into the Mediterranean and northern France. She also operated with a hunter-killer group in the North Atlantic area.

Lastly, I was moved by all the tributes to Leo here in the Gram and at the memorial service at the show. When we walked in the show this time I naturally looked for "the hat" and, as is my habit at all shows, go right over to Leo's table. Of course I knew the hat wouldn't be there, but we went to the table anyway. I think Ski put it best when he said that our base of operations was gone - everybody wound up at Leo's table and we will all miss him and doing that.

Championship Question Corner

Question: What animal is on the face of the State of Burma notes that were printed in Japan? Question 65, difficulty 2. In addition to the same animal, what other vignette appears on the State of Burma local printing? Question 66, difficulty 2.

Yesterday's question: General HOMMA Masaharu was the commander of Japanese forces in the Philippines during the initial attacks and early occupation. He was known for writing poetry. What kind of issues bear his name? Question 63, difficulty 2. What JIM issue had a 1 cent denomination? For that same issue, what was the highest denomination? Question 64, difficulty 2.

The answer is: Homma medals. Burma JIM includes a one cent denomination and the highest denomination of the issue is 100 rupees.

Comments from the field: Champ Hunter wrote: When you stopped in Kentucky, you didn't smoke any of that "blue grass" did you?

I'm going to skip the poetry question and go straight to the JIM one. This is the one that makes me believe that maybe you were burning up the blue grass instead of driving home.

The question of what JIM issue had a 1 cent denomination and for the same series, what was the HIGHEST denomination?
It would be easier to tell you which series didn't have a one cent!

Burma JIM 1c, highest, 100 rupee
Malaya JIM 1c, highest, \$1000
NEI JIM een cent, highest, 10 gulden, (not counting Southern Development notes).
Philippines JIM 1 centavo, highest, 10 pesos. (Again, No S.D. notes).

Throw in the Southern development bank issues, which are different ISSUES, then things go up from there (higher?).

Also, in WWII MC it plainly shows that the HIGHEST block number for Philippines JIM is 87 ! That occurs on the one peso note listed as 127a, on page 162. These are the notes that have block number only (no serial #).

Frankly, at your advanced age, I figured you would have quit with the "higher" stuff a long time ago. I can understand it while you were in Viet Nam, but hey, the war is over my friend. So step away from the hash pipe. ;-) Poetry?? Hah!

Bill Myers wrote: The HOOMA medal from 1942 had a poem by HOOMA on the reverse.

Burma has a 1 cent JIM with highest denomination of 100 rupees Malaya has a 1 cent JIM with the highest denomination of 1000 dollars Netherlands East Indies has a one (ein) cent note with highest denomination of 100 roepiah Philippines has a one centavo which I have seen abbreviated as cent, the highest denomination is 100 pesos.

As far as the question, what is the highest block reported for Philippine JIM I got 87 from page 636 of WWII Remembered where it list the reported block numbers and for 1 peso notes (2227b) it list block 87. I have a 1 peso note with block number 83. Scan attached. Did I miss

something in the question? [well, I really walked on myself with these! It was probably clear that while I was on the road, I was not taking questions from the actual March Madness cards, but was adlibing the questions (I tried not to adlib the answers). With all of the talk about JIM, I thought that we should emphasize questions on that subject. I really blew it on the block nubmers and denomination questoins. I do not even want to tell you what I was thinking!--Ed.]

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Editorial

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We made it home at 1830 Thursday. I have noticed that it takes northerners a lot longer to return from Florida in the winter than it does to get there. We sure proved that on this trip. In spite of taking a long time to return, I had no numismatic adventures on

the return trip except for playing on the internet each evening. Perhaps you can count bungling some March Madness questions as adventures. I have started hearing from folks around the country who were receiving packages of books and other things shipped from Miami. I guess that the numismatic overdose I had there might make up for the lack of such adventures on the way home. I had quite a bit of mail waiting for me including some Fest registrations. I will not try to get the list updated here in the Gram until the next issue. Those of you have not spoken up, please do.

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Mail Call

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Dear Editor,

If the Bill Meyers whom you keep reporting daily quiz question replies from is the same one who was in our class last summer, you are misspelling his name - Myers, not Meyers.

Joe

Dear Editor,

With all the excitement about Leo May's JIM and Occupation Money, just wanted to let fellow gramsters know of my price list for JIM. List is JIM-2a. It is available free via email or snail mail. A short note in the Exchange Section of the Gram would be appreciated. I have listed the Philippine Rizal Monument 5 Peso notes by serial number, e.g. birthday dates and Postal Zip Codes. Trust you and Judy are well and finally home from FUN and the warmth of Florida.

HAPPY NEW YEAR,

Ed

Dear Ed,

Thanks for the tip and effort to make a detailed list. When I saw the mail from you in my inbox I figured that you were going to fire at me for the bad block number question, well, not the bad question, but the bad answer. Alternatively, you could have taken offense at a spelling or even a bad date on the Gram, so I was very pleased that your letter was so positive!

Now, all we need to do is get you to come to the Fest!

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Fest V11 Training Schedule , version 1

ALL PERSONNEL

Date/time activity personnel trainer

Thursday 2 March

0800-1900 hotel registration individuals Kim
0830-0900 breakfast @ Holiday Inn all personnel Kim
0930-1700 Bourse preparations select personnel david
1900-2100 bourse banquet @ Big Boppers all available
Judy 2400- bull session/swap meet all available Ski

Friday 3 March

0800-1900 hotel registration individuals Kim
0830-0900 breakfast @ Holiday Inn all personnel Kim
0830-1100 bourse set up select personnel David
1050 bourse and Fest registration open all personnel
Loretta
1100-1800 bourse all available David
auction submission/viewing all interested Ski
1730-1900 new Fester training new Festers Doug, Marcus
1800-1930 chow all personnel Judy
1900-1930 exhibits installed exhibitors Joe
2000-2030 pay call by company paymasters
2200-2300 March madness round 1& 2 all personnel
Wendell
2300-2330 bull session by company 1SGs
2330 exhibits must be removed exhibitors Joe
2331 FPO, px, canteen closed interested personnel
Dick, Roger
0045 lights out by company 1SGs

Saturday 4 March

0400-0600 10k run, 3k swim (ice permitting) all
personnel 1SG
0730-0830 chow all personnel Kim
0830-0845 bn picture mess hall hardies
0845-0915 autograph party all personnel Ski
0915-1100 show n tell all personnel 1SG
1100-1230 March Madness all personnel Wendell
1245-1315 chow all personnel Judy
1315-1630 show n tell all personnel 1SG
1630-1830 show n tell all personnel 1SG
1830-1930 chow all personnel Judy
1830-1930 bond drive IV interested collectors Warner
1930-2030 March Madness finals all personnel Wendell

2030-2100 Texas Holdem training interested personnel
brad
2100-2400 RVN poker game reenactment all personnel
Nick
2100-2400 auction lot viewing (concurrent) all
personnel Ski
2400 snacks, mess hall interested personnel Judy
0045 lights out by company 1SGs

Sunday 5 March

0400-0600 10k run, 3k swim (ice permitting) all
personnel 1SG
0700-0745 sick call (by appointment) all sickies Drs
T&M
0730-0800 chow all personnel Kim
0700-0730 destruction of obsolete MFC select personnel
Bill
0730-0830 auction lot viewing optional Ski
0830-0845 awards all personnel 1SGs
0845-1030 auction all personnel Ski
1100-1230 police call and early departures select
personnel Sparky
1230-1315 chow all personnel Judy
1315-1500 local field trip interested personnel Fred
1500-1800 break camp and police call volunteers Harold
1830- chow at Crows Nest interested personnel Robert

Monday 6 March

0700-0730 breakfast Holiday Inn Kim
0730 field trip departure to AF Museum, Dayton, OH
select personnel TBA
1845 return from field trip
1900 local poker game (FRNs required) select
personnel

Tuesday 7 March

0830-0900 breakfast Holiday Inn Kim
0900- R & R

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1000 departure for CPMX

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Fest bond (and unique bronze medal), third place \$600
Fest bond. Concurrently will be dealers choice poker

tables.

Championship Question Corner

Question: In what country were notes of the following kind issued: winterhilfswerk im generalgouvernement? Question 67, difficulty 2. In the MPC book what letter is appended to the catalog number to indicate a counterfeit? Question 68, difficulty 2.

Yesterday's question: What animal is on the face of the State of Burma notes that were printed in Japan? Question 65, difficulty 2. In addition to the same animal, what other vignette appears on the State of Burma local printing? Question 66, difficulty 2.

The answer is: see comments from the field

Comments from the field: Champion Jack wrote: I guess that you won't send out a new Gram until you get answers to the championship questions. So I guess I'll take a stab at them.

The animal that appears on the State of Burma notes is a peacock, and the only other vignette is of Ba Maw on the 100 rupee.

I think I have figured out your difficulty ratings too. The more entries you need to look at in the book, the higher the rating. There are ten different references to Burma in the index! It's almost a crap shoot to get the right one. I'm just kidding of course, just a follow up on Roger's comments about the whole layout of the book. Once you get used to the black hole logic of it, it's a piece of cake... Yeah right! [I have been expecting more comments on the difficulty rating--Ed]

Bill Myers wrote: The notes printed in Japan have a Burmese peacock on the face. The local printed notes have a stylized peacock. There appears to be a stylized bird between the peacocks around the edge (eagle?) and a chinze in the lower right corner of the face.

Roger Urce wrote: The Burmese peacock is on the face of the State of Burma notes printed in Japan; Ba Maw is the other vignette (along with a stylized peacock) on the locally printed Burmese notes. BTW - regarding the block number question for Philippine JIM, it seems that 87 is the correct answer; as for the one cent question, can we presume it will not be among those used in March? [the most interesting response came from a person (held namless here) who insisted that a bird is not an animal. Dictionary debate ensued. I stand with peacock.--Ed]

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Editorial

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I am finally rested up from the drive back from

Floriday. The people around Port Clinton are talking about what a mild winter it is. They might even be right but after spending two weeks in Florida it is hard to identify with their point of view. On the other hand, while we were in Orlando, lots of people were complaining about it being cold. I had trouble identifying with that too.

The point is that the weather for the Fest will be wonderful. I am very confident that it will be good inside the hotel and that is all that matters since you basically do not leave once you get there. Of course the major exception is physical training each morning. If this weather keeps up, we will be able to get the open lake swim in. It has been very disappointing to cancel it the past few years. Sam Feedback believes that we should add marksmanship training to the schedule as well. We will try to get that in, but in the meantime some good programs are in the planning stages so it will be a great time. Please, do look over the schedule and send any suggestions or corrections as soon as possible. Also, if you have a show n tell, please write to us about that too. Some of you have told me what you have in mind for a show n tell, but please send it in again. This time we will add it officially to the schedule.

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Dear Gram,

Why did I receive one or two copies of MPC gram ages ago and nothing since?

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Best wishes,

Mike

Dear Mike,

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Replacement Found

The first (issued) Series 591 25 cent replacement has been found--and sold (at least twice). News of the discovery spread like wildfire at FUN.

David Seelye arranged to buy the note just before arriving at FUN and carried the secret of the discovery to the show. There he tried to keep it secret until his target was in sight, but he could not hold it in and the secret leaked.

The note is a beautiful extremely fine, serial number G00256102. Seelye sold the note at the show with several collectors witnessing the transaction in addition to David and the target.

Of the 90 issued types of MPC, 87 had been known in collections before FUN. This discovery leaves two as yet unrecorded. Both of these would have been unlikely candidates to be finalists when the survey of replacements was begun some 30 years ago. They are Series 481 \$5 and Series 651 \$5.

Championship Question Corner

Question: What sheet did a replacement with serial number G00256102 come from? Question 68, difficulty 3. What position number is it from? Question 69, difficulty 3.

Yesterday's question: In what country were notes of the following kind issued: winterhilfswerk im generalgouvernement? Question 67, difficulty 2. In the MPC book what letter is appended to the catalog number to indicate a counterfeit? Question 68, difficulty 2.

The answer is: Poland and Q. See below for more information.

Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote--Poland. The letter q. Champion Jack wrote: Wow! That was quick! Less than two hours elapsed and the new Gram arrived! I won't put off answering any longer.

1st question should be in Harold's court, and I'm certain he had something to do with these making it in the book. Winterhilfswerk notes were issued in, first, the obvious, Germany. But they were also issued for use in Lithuania, Poland and the Netherlands.

[this answer would not be accepted at March Madness for while the statement is mostly correct, it misses one of the points. The Generalgouvernement terminology is applicable to the Polish wHw issues only.--Ed]

The MPC book uses the letter "Q" for queer. Seems odd that Q was used, was the letter "C" already taken? [Basically, you are correct there. The letter c was not available for counterfeit because many issues have three varieties making it undesirable to reserve a special meaning for c.--Ed]

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Editorial

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The lead story about the discovery of the first replacement 591 25 cent is certainly exciting. It brings up interesting research questions and probably other issues as well. Less obvious are the editorial questions involved.

My Bank Note Reporter arrived today. I hope that you subscribe to the BNR. If you do not you should (more on that below). In a letter to the editor from Paul (below) he indirectly points out the discovery of the replacement and that I was the buyer of the note.

This means that I knew about the discovery about two weeks ago. Why did I not report this important discovery in the Gram? Should I have? I will answer the first, and ask your comment on the second question.

This discovery was certainly the type that deserved to be announced in the Gram and I would certainly have loved to have made the announcement here. On the other hand because of the venue of the event, David Harper of the Bank Note Reporter was present for the transaction and not only agreed to put it on the front page of the BNR, but wanted to do so. It is a singular honor to have a MPC story on the front page of the BNR and one that should be seized upon. I should note that in the accompanying story I was also able to get in a plug for MPCFest.

While David did not specifically request or imply that I should withhold the news until it had appeared in the BNR, I know from experience with David and from my own experience as editor that he would like to have the story first. I believe that we should reinforce the appropriate behavior (publishing an important MPC story on the front page of the BNR) and I believe that withholding the story until the BNR arrived in mail boxes was an appropriate reinforcement.

I must confess another ugly matter--money. When I make such submissions to the BNR I actually get paid (gasp). It is a small amount, but in terms of disclosure I must mention it. I will leave it for you to figure out the comparison of amounts received for writing here vs writing for the BNR.

Wait, it gets better. During discussion with David Kranz on the above subject while David Harper was on vacation, I more or less agreed to start writing regularly for the BNR again (I wrote a long running column for the paper in the 70s and 80s). This likely will mean that there will be many features and at least some news that I will submit to the BNR before

it appears in the Gram. For those of you who subscribe to the BNR, it probably does not make a difference. Perhaps there will be a few of you who do not subscribe who might be encouraged to do so because of these (promised) articles.

A really interesting twist to the replacement story concerns the collector witnesses to the transaction. If they had written a letter to the editor about the event, it would have been much harder to ethically withhold their comments because of the considerations above.

Ok, what do you think?

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Mail Call

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Dear Editor,

This year's Fest schedule lists a 10k run as opposed to the 5k runs which have been scheduled for previous Fests. Perhaps the expected mild temperatures have influenced the decision to increase the distance. The attempt at getting us all in shape is commendable, however, I will absent myself from participation for personal reasons.

Roger

Dear Roger,

I am afraid that Fester are in need of some serious physical training. Need I point out the losses that we have had of Festers who were seriously out of shape? However, I also want to point out that we have expanded the medical staff to take care of any problems. (The medical staff will be running (and swimming) too.)

Dear Editor,

I will be traveling to the Fest with Dave Hunsicker and would like to share a room with him if possible. Please send my travel orders and any other information, i.e. uniform of the day.

John Watta

Dear Editor,

Wow. Twice in six issues of the Bank Note Reporter that you've gotten your picture on the front page. We're not worthy. Way to go on being able to acquire the unreported and unknown replacement MPC.

Regards, Paul

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POGS FUN BOS

by Joe Boling

Good grief! Why do I have to read in Coin World that military seminarian COL (Dr) William (Bill) Myers won best in show at FUN with a military money exhibit?! This should have been trumpeted across the web two weeks ago! Bill showed the pogs that AAFES has been issuing for several years now. Although there was no mention of stored value cards in the CW writeup, I would not be surprised if at least one of those was also shown as ancillary material. They were the topic of Bill's show-and-tell at the mini-fest at the Colorado Springs coin show last summer. According to the article, Bill is deploying again soon, so I suspect we won't see him at seminar this year. I was in my local bank last week to pick up some

Sacagawea or Susan B Anthony dollar coins (I carry them all the time, together with \$2 notes, in lieu of dollar bills). The vault teller was not in, so I could not get a roll, and had to content myself with the loose coins that the teller I was talking to had in her till - fifteen of them. As she pushed them across the counter, I saw that there were three SBA and the rest were golden dollars - except that one was the wrong size - a tad small. The design was also wrong - I pointed to it and said that it was not a US dollar. But it was exactly the same color as the US "gold" dollars. Upon picking it up and examining it, I discovered that it is an Australian \$1 coin (worth 75c at current rates), and a WWII commemorative. The reverse shows a man standing on one foot with his hat in hand held enthusiastically aloft, and his shadow extending behind him (the first time I have ever seen that kind of artwork used as a coin design). Above is the inscription WORLD WAR 1939-1945 PEACE. It is too new to be in the Standard Catalog of World Coins, so I cannot report a KM number. Naturally, I did not leave it there - I paid the teller a dollar for it and brought it home with the other dollar coins she offered. I think it is fascinating that this piece infiltrated a US bank based only on its color. It is possible that the original depositor thought it was a legitimate dollar, since it says 1 DOLLAR next to the dancing man. It is only on the obverse that the non-US connection is made - a matronly head labeled ELIZABETH II and the words AUSTRALIA 2005.

Now, here's a conundrum that one of our Australian readers can address. Why is the Australian \$2 coin

only 2/3 the size of the \$1 coin? We have the same situation in the US (which is confusing to youngsters), with the 5c coin larger than the 10c coin, but there is a history associated with that relating to the past use of silver in the smaller coin. There is no such history in Australia - why the anomaly?

Championship Question Corner

Question: What financial medium was overprinted by the Bank of Albania for emergency circulation during World War II? Question 70, difficulty 2. A portrait of Christopher Columbus appears on WWII notes of what colony? (bonus points for naming the printing company). Question 71, difficulty 3(?).

Yesterday's question: What sheet did a replacement with serial number G00256102 come from? Question 68, difficulty 3. What position number is it from? Question 69, difficulty 3.

The answer is: See comments from the field.

Comments from the field: Doug Bell and Joe Boling both responded that the note is question (the Series 591 25c replacement) was from position 33, sheet 102 (does the fact that it is a replacement have anything to do with this?). Doug also sent along a copy of the listing where he had entered this new replacement in the MPC data base at papermoneyworld.net.

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Editorial

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Joe Boling responds to almost every to Gram. He usually finds something to correct or criticize. I am usually amused, sometimes surprised or even astonished, and occasionally bewildered by his comments.

In the case of the Gram not having the story of Bill Meyers receiving the FUN best of show award for his military money exhibit, I was mortified. Joe is absolutely correct. This should have been headline news in the Gram. The Gram lives for such opportunities. We really blew it. In my own case, I did not know about this until I read Joe's report (having not seen (yet)) the story in CW. I saw Bill at FUN and saw (admired) his exhibit, but I did not know that he had won BOS. On the other hand I must admit that I had not followed up. I could (should) have prepared a report on his exhibit even if he had not received any award.

In my own defense, I must also spread some blame. Surely someone in Gramland (other than Bill and his daughter whom I met at FUN, or was it his wife?) must have known about Bill's victory. We need reports from the field on events large and small.

Hopefully, we can use this as a learning experience

to do better in the future. Well done, Bill.

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Mail Call

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Dear Gram,

Okay, so folks don't want a 10 K run due to the "physical aspects" and other health reasons...Well, it seems to me that most bases have bowling alleys, so how about a mid-night madness lazer bowl tourney? Just some idle thoughts.

George "Ten Pin" Cuhaj

Dear Ten,

Knock, knock. Hello, is anyone there? We were talking about exercise! Ok, yes, there is a base bowling alley. There has been a move in the past to have a bowling event. At least a few Festers went AWOL to this establishment. It is off limits during duty hours, but Fest HQ cannot keep you from squandering your Fest hours at such an establishment if you must. The best time it seem to me would be Thursday evening after the bourse "banquet." If you want to try for such an event on Thursday evening I will have the recreation NCO look into it.

Editor

Dear Editor,

Through a herculian effort I am planning to come to the fest. We should arrive Friday eve--best I can do. Will stay until later Sunday.

Steve

Dear Steve,

Wonderful, but we would expect no less from you! We look forward to pictures of your research trip to the Channel Islands not to mention on your book.

Editor

Dear Editor,

Congratulations on the Series 591 25 cent replacement discovery and wonderful purchase. It is truly amazing and exciting how new paper money "finds" continue to surface. This will surely be the case long after the current generation of WW2 collectors is gone.

On a less momentous note, Jeremy and I are selling our WW2 French West Africa collection in our new price list. The collection contains a complete selection of E. A. Wright issues, including all varieties in choice condition, and the best ABNC 1000 Francs I have seen. Of course, we would gladly e-mail our price list to any interested Gram subscribers.

Mel Steinberg

Dear Mel,

Thank you for your comments. Certainly readers are encouraged to email you for a copy of the list, but I should also point out that you are welcome to extract that section and send it here for inclusion in the PX section. I can tell you from experience that the Gram sells.

Editor

Dear Editor,

I think you handled the report of the new discovery correctly . Congratulations on your decision to start writing for BNR, I think you will really enjoy doing that. Keep in mind that part of the rifle practice / qualification involves : drill and manual of arms. Numerous exercises can be conducted with the rifle held straight out at attention with both hands or over the head for extended periods. This tends to promote fewer screw ups in the first place . :-) The ice and snow will only serve to make it a more memorable event. :-) Marching around the lake with weapons and packs will form many memories to last a life time. :-) Route Step will take on a new meaning for those who have never done that particular dance before. :-)

Sam Feedback

Dear Sam,

When I get these articles going, I will count on Gramsters peppering the BNR editors (David and David) with positive comments and even suggesting that I should get a raise.

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Editorial Standards

an open letter by Ed Beaman

As An Original Gramster, I Am Appaled At Your Editorial In Gram #1419. Since Before The Grams Were Numbered, Your Theory Was To Communicate To The Collecting Community The Latest News...Via The Gram...Quickly. I Guess Things Have Changed....Things Have Grown Much Dimmer. What Happened To, "A GRAM FIRST"...When We As An Electronic Community Were The "FIRST" To Learn Of The New Discoveries...???...There Have Been Many...Why Not This One...??? I For One Understand The Coplexities Of A Deal....But Not The Quietness Of A Discovery....Nor The Backing Of "ANY" Print Media....Hell, You Even Suggest We Subscribe To The Thing....."WOW".....Much Dimmer.....!!! Total Respect.

FUN Best

from Nancy and John Wilson

Regarding Bill Myers winning the Best-in-Show at the 2006 FUN show. Our personal congratulations for being the recipient of BIS at this most important convention. The exhibit was the recipient of this great award at FUN against outstanding competition. The exhibit explained in depth all about the A.A.F.E.S. Pogs being used in Iraq. Our congratulations to Bill for taking the time and effort to build this award winning exhibit. With the FUN BIS comes a 100% paid scholarship to the ANA Summer Seminar. Not only did he win the great prize that came but also won the scholarship.

Now for some more great news. Bill Myer's exhibit on the Pogs was also the recipient of the Best-in-Show at the South Carolina Numismatist Association Convention held in Greenville, SC, on October 28 - 30, 2005. Congratulations to Bill on winning this excellent award at this outstanding convention. We hope to see this great exhibit at the ANA NMS in Atlanta this coming April.

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The answer is: See comments from the field.

Comments from the field: Champ Hunter wrote: It's no wonder that you have been distracted lately. When you get through fondling that new quarter, in about six months, you should be your old self again. Congrats to

you and Bill Myers for the fine showing at FUN. Atta boy Bill! Albania overprinted previously issued notes but I believe you are looking for overprinted circulating checks. Columbus appears on the notes of Guadeloupe printed by EA Wright.

Bill Myers (now a champ in his own right) wrote: I had the answer of position 33 & sheet 102 but work prevented me from getting the answer out in time. I enjoyed the exercise of figuring it out. It is good fest prep. Question 70: There are two things that it could be, but I'm guessing the items you are referring to are the Circulating checks issued under the Axis occupation. They also used an overprint on issued notes of 1926, 1939, and 1944. But the checks are the financial medium I believe you want. [checks is the answer that I was looking for, but after the two comments, I think that the question needs some revision. That is one purpose of this exercise.--Ed] Q. 71: The portrait of Columbus appears on the 5 franc note of Guadeloupe, printed by E.A. Wright.

I have yet to get my copy of Coin World so I haven't seen the article. The exhibit was titled "AAFES POGS." I went over the history of POGs (it is an acronym for Passion fruit, Orange, Guava) and the history of AAFES POGs. I displayed items related to POGs and displayed the 7 printings. It won first place in the tokens and medals category and best of show. The exhibit did create a lot of interest, especially amongst veterans. I assembled information from many sources including some festers, especially Steve Swoish (or the Pogman as my wife refers to him). I want to thank them for their help. Speaking of my wife, Fred made her day referring to her as my daughter. (I will deny saying it but she is 2 yrs older than me, I guess it is my grey hair). I did not mention it as I do not tend to toot my own horn. I plan to attend the MPC fest. I have made flight reservations. There are no immediate plans to mobilize me again but I never know. I had 8 days notice the last time. =====
Editorial

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The hidden message in the situation regarding the poor reporting of Bill Myers triumph at FUN is that exhibiting is a great opportunity to spread the word about our wonderful hobby and to have, well, fun at the same time.

Not only is Bill to be congratulated, but the FUN organization is also to be congratulated. It not only puts on the program, but reinforces the appropriate behavior of exhibitors by awarding scholarships to best of show winners. This is a great thing. Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association does a similar thing I believe as do (I think) Michigan State Numismatic Society and Central States Numismatic Society. The ANA itself awards a full scholarship to the summer

seminar to the young numismatist who wins the YN BOS at the annual convention. Possibly there are other such programs. We numismatists should reinforce the appropriate behavior of the organizations which are reinforcing the appropriate behavior of the exhibitors. We should join the organizations, recruit new members, exhibit, visit the exhibitions, train to be judges and judge and on and on.

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Mail Call

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Dear Editor,

Further to Joe Bolings finding of the Australian \$1 2005 W.W. II Commem, I can tell that, having just returned from Australia that there are also a 20c and a 50c. I will likely have a few at the fest. I would also note that the \$2 is considerably thicker if smaller in diameter.

Ian Marshall

Dear freditor,

I read with interest Joe's comment on the Aussie coin he recently received and the questions he raised. The \$2 is smaller than the \$1 for 2 main reasons as far as I am aware. Firstly the smaller blanks are cheaper to produce, but probably the main reason is the great care is made to distinguish the size & sometimes shape of all Aussie decimal coins to enable the blind to differentiate. This came about after the debacle of the 1966 round 50 cent piece, which was incredibly close in size to the 20 cent piece. Hence the change to a 12 sided coin. Autralia removed the 2 smallest coins from circulation a few years ago, the 1 & 2 cent pieces, & the \$2 note. The 5 cent is the smallest with the \$2 similar in size but heavier, thicker & also not milled around the entire circumference.

If the \$2 was made to the next size over the \$1, it would probably use about 4 times the amount of metal per coin & be too heavy & cumbersome!

The \$1 coin Joe mentions is part of a set that was produced to commemorate WWII, another was done to commemorate the 90th anniversay of ANZAC! (I'd be interested to know how many of my American friends know that story?)

If anyone is interested, further info on these coins can be found at www.ramint.gov.au the official website of the Royal mint in Canberra.

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this coin had traveled as I was gettin a great exchange rate last year!

Regards

Nik Sharplin

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Make Money With This Tip

by Joe Boling

In the BNR article about the replacement series 591 quarter, Fred says that the serial number (G00256102) indicates that at least 8500 replacements were issued. This assumes that replacements were used by the sheet, and that 102 sheets (8568 notes) were used. But we know that replacements have also appeared in packs (straps). What if the first 100 sheets were cut up into straps and used for individual note replacement, and sheets 101 and higher were used for sheet by sheet replacement? We could have as few as two sheets of replacements having been used. The fact is that unless we have information from inside the plant about exactly how replacements were handled, we cannot conclude that about 8500 replacements were used for this emission. [I agree with Joe, but still this is the best method that we have of estimating the number of replacements issued--Ed.]

Somebody asked about sources of ANA summer seminar scholarships for exhibitors. The YN best of show exhibitor at the summer ANA convention gets one. In addition, the winner of the National Con Week class at the spring convention also gets one. The Pacific NW Numismatic Assn does not give a scholarship for exhibiting, but its best of show exhibitor gets \$200 toward the expenses of taking the winning exhibit to the ANA convention in the same year. But PNNA does award two scholarships (one to a YN) each year (for up to \$1000 each, which covers some of the transportation), and the Seattle Numismatic Society also offers a tuition/lodging scholarship (at the ANA's lowest rate, and with no transportation). Many other regional and local organizations offer scholarships as well - if you belong to one, inquire. Speaking of summer seminar, ANA recently posted an increase in prices. For those staying in Loomis Dormitory, the price went up \$100 (to \$749). For those staying in the "western ridge" apartments, the price

went up \$50 (to \$949). It's pretty dumb to raise the price in the middle of an application season (this should have been announced last August, not this month). The old prices are available through the end of this month - applications postmarked after 1 Feb will be at the new rates, so if you are planning to get to ANA this summer (and if Fred gets this published before 1 Feb), get your application in NOW. You need only make a deposit to confirm at the old price - according to Barb Olson today (Monday 30 Jan), full payment is not needed at this time. But make sure that you specify the old price - if you use the application on the web site, it will have the new prices on it, and that's what they will charge you.

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Question: British Military Authority notes were issued with overprints for three countries. What are they?

Question 72, difficulty 2. Felix Eboue was made the governor general of what colony by General de Gaulle?

Question 73, difficulty 3.

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The answer is: Jack, Bill, and a few others wrote in with the correct answers, but the lapse of a few days of Gram publishing made things more confused than normal. It seems like I have written this discussion before, but I cannot remember if it was in correspondence on in the Gram. Oh well. Anyway, circulating checks were overprinted for Albania, but as both Jack and Bill point out that notes were also overprinted in a similar way. I am not so confident that the question as stated eliminates the notes from being a correct answer, so it will probably not be used in that way during Madness. This sort of checking is one of the reasons for having this review. Christopher Columbus appeared on E. A. Wright notes of Guadeloupe.

Comments from the field: Question, what is today's championship question? Also, seems that your editing skills are on the fritz. i.e. My answer to yesterday's question was all cut up and mixed in with Bill's answer / comments about his POGS. I don't mind sharing the credit mind you, and I'm positive that he got it right too, I'm just checking up on your mental health status. I know you were (are) still having problems putting that 591 / 25c replacement down for a minute, hell, I would too. But your concentration has gone to hell (perfectly understandable). I am looking forward

to Joe's ribbing in tomorrows (sic) Gram.

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Editorial

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I had another editorial in progress, but have scrapped it in the light of Joe's news about the increase in the tuition costs at the summer seminar. The good news about the increase is that it makes this the best time ever to not only attend the summer seminar but to do it for the full two weeks! First, you can save \$200 by registering now--and we mean now, today. If you fail to get it in today, the 31st, call the ANA on the 1st and plead your case. [aside to Lane Bruner or whoever is listening (reading) in Colorado], please accept applicaions from Gramsters through the first.] Secondly, this is an ideal year to go for the full two weeks. Not only do we have the two military classes (basic and advanced), but also great opportunities in the other week. Joe is teaching his famous class on detecting world counterfeits (I expect to be a student in that class), and I will be teaching an MPC mini seminar that week too. It should be a two week blast. Heck, it always is, but this is a special opportunity.

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Mail Call

Dear Boss,

Rod and I will be there for Fest VII so save us two singles. Also have you had any luck finding the old MPC book that you have stashed away (I haven't forgotten about the book yet). Thanks and see you at the Fest.

Wes Hardy

Dear Wes,

Great. I knew that you guys would be here. You just like to keep me guessing a little. You took us over the magic 50 number! Of course there will be some emergency leaves and other things come up, and I might have even miscounted, but it looks like we will have 50 in the bag this year. That seems like an important milestone to me.

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George

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Auction Preview

by Larry "Ski" Smulczenski

It appears that we will again have a very interesting and successful auction at this years Fest. There are plenty of things in the listing that each and every gramster will probably be interested in and can add to their collections. There are some rare and expensive lots and also many inexpensive items that possibly can be stolen. Again as in the past, there have been a number of very generous individuals that have donated items to the auction with the proceeds going to the scholarship fund. Our sincere thanks and appreciation go out to each and every one of them. Although we appreciate every donation, I would like to highlight the donations of three individuals. Ed Hoffman who has long been a dealer of MPC and other military notes generously donated four lovely MPC replacements. These include a series 541/25c note in fine condition which is quite nice but does have a number "9" in crayon on the right side of the face. This note (F00048462) is not listed in the catalog and the serial number is significantly lower than the lowest one listed. Also donated are 541/50c (F00314243) in VF, 591/5c (G00249810) Fine and 692/5c (E00661618) Fine. The first two are not listed in the catalog, the third one is but notice that it is a Flipper. These are all great items looking for a new home.

The other two individuals that I would like to mention are Dave Seelye and Val May. Dave has always generously supported our cause and this year was no exception. Roger Urce has already reviewed the Special Cash Book from the USS Jack W. Wilke that we had perused at FUN. Some of the other items that Dave donated are a brand new Black light, a panoramic photo of the Roosevelt Dam (Vignette from the back of the 692/\$20), great catalog of Danish military notes, and two super Posters mounted on canvas. Valerie has donated a group of items in memory of Leo to benefit

the scholarship program. Some of these include a \$50 Chinese Aviation Bond, two Newfoundland War Savings Certificates, a group of chit books and some Numismatic Circulating Checks from Leo May Enterprises signed by Fred Schwan and dated in April of 1995. I don't remember seeing these Circulating Checks before and as I understand what I have heard is that this was the first attempt at creating a circulating medium of exchange in the numismatic community. Could this be the forerunner to MFC and how many of them still exist?

Thanks also to Wendell Wolka, Adolf Witzke, Dick and Loretta Freyser, Gail Baker, Colin Bruce, Masaki Yosihmura, Al Glaser, Ron Waddell, Dan and Kathy Freeland, Tom Warburton, John and Nancy Wilson and Howard Daniel.

Some of the other great items that you might want to look for include the three specimen booklets that have been the feature item of a previous Gram. These are super items. We also have three Thai and one Korean coupon that will be up for bids. An item that has not been seen before is a MPC check redeemable in MPC or Francs issued thru the American Express Company in Fontainebleau, France which was the first Headquarters of NATO. A group of gasoline coupons, savings bonds and MFC will also be available. Another neat item is an Azid Hind counterstamped rupee coin that has been written about in the Gram. Other coins/tokens included are a 25 ore Ministerie van Oorlog token, a 3d Australian internment camp token, a set of four Irish internment camp coins from Curragh and then my favorite.

Most of you know how I despise plastic but this is one I probably will bid on. We have here an encapsulated 20 mark coin from the Litzmannstadt Ghetto, S/B 1026 page 781. This coin is graded as AU-50 and that is all. But if you are smart enough to go into WWII Remembered, you will find that that this coin, encased in plastic in a well known company's slab is indeed a counterfeit as it does not have the small triangle on the reverse as described in the book. The self-proclaimed experts goofed and if you buy plastic instead of reading the book you would have paid six times what you should have for this little gem. That is my word to the wise: read the book.

There are many other neat things including sets of AMC stamps, Rosie the Rivet items, ration items, books, manuals and a great photo album with pictures of postwar Japan that you might want to look at, but that's enough to wet you whistle for the time being. We will try to get a copy of the auction in the Gram in the next week or so. By the way, for you that did not get your lots in, sorry, but the auction is closed until next year. *****

Championship Question Corner

Question: What colony had the Grand Pacific Hotel that issued card small change notes? Question 74,

difficulty 2. What printer manufactured Luxemburg Liberation notes? Question 75, difficulty 1. Sticking with the idea of printers and a bonus THIRD question: what two printers produced notes for Martinique during World War II? Question 76, difficulty 3. (more like 2.5 or 2.4, but ok 3).

Yesterday's question: British Military Authority notes were issued with overprints for three countries. What are they? Question 72, difficulty 2. Felix Eboue was made the governor general of what colony by General de Gaulle? Question 73, difficulty 3.

The answer is: It is amazing how few people know the answer to the BMA question. It has been asked very year and in most years more than once. In the early round it might show up as name one country. In the late rounds of course we might ask for all three. We might even ask what US city also appears on a (replica) BMA note (this is a free bonus question for today).

Comments from the field: Jack (champ) Hunter wrote: BMA notes were overprinted for Bulgaria, France and Greece. Felix Eboue, who's portrait appears on the 100 francs note of L'Afrique Equatoriale Francaise. Chad. French Equatorial Africa. Cool note btw. [I think that Jack is saying that the answer is Chad. That is not correct.] Bill Myers wrote: The initial BMA were overprinted with Bulgaria, France & Greece. Felix Eboue was appointed Governor of French Equatorial Africa. [The twist and the reason for the difficulty 3 rating is that Eboue was governor of Chad when the war started. After France fell, de Gaulle appointed him governor general of French Equatorial Africa.]

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Editorial
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That the Fest is less than a month away is not all that surprising to me. What IS surprising is that it is Fest VII that we are talking about. But then again, I remember making a wager on Super Bowl I. I think that it was in 1422 that Ed Beaman took me to task for an editorial decision to in his view withhold some information from the Gram. I would prefer to say that I elegantly coordinated the information, but still I appreciate the comments. This issue has come up in a serious way only one time before. In that case, I think that the complaint was absolutely correct and that it was a mistake to withhold the info (thanks TK).

In this case I still think that the overall good was best served in the way that it was handled. Part of this opinion is based upon the fact that there was very little likelihood of harm for a Gramster by waiting two weeks to get the info. After all, the only one who could remotely be hurt might be a person who

might be offered a Serie 591 25 cent replacement during that time. In such an unlikely case, that would be a very lucky person indeed whether it was the first or second one reported.

I recently have had feedback that both the Bank Note Reporter and the Gram have powerful reaches. Jane at the ANA told me that she received 17 emails about the increase in seminar rates based on the Gram article. I think that is great. Spectacular even. On the other hand, both yesterday and today I received contratulatory calls from collectors based upon the BNR story.

What are our rights and responsibilities as editor? Neither of these is very well defined and I admit to no formal (or informal for that matter) training in this area other than being an avid reader.

We edit, that is change, many articles and letters that arrive. Obviously, we (I) change them because I think that the change is necessary or desirable. In only one case did I not publish a letter because I thought that it was biased, ugly, incorrect or all three. Oops, now that I think about it, there may have been two cases like his.

One writer told me that he likes to see how I changed his material and that he learns from it.

It does not happen so much any more, but I routinely change obverse to face when a writer is talking about a note. I often change capitalization, but for example with Ed's letter(s), I do not do that because his use of capitalization is creative and is part of his personality and message.

I routinely remove titles from names because I feel that we are a fun hobby publication, not a professional journal of any kind. An exception to this is Howard Daniel who routinely calls himself The Master Sergeant. Instead of finding this pretentious, I find it cute or quaint and more like a nick name than a title. Indeed, I will not bore you with my view of whether this is actually a title at all.

I frequently hold a letter or even a news item with a plan of coordinating several items. Of coruse as with all of the above issues, I too can make mistakes. While I am always willing to apologize for them (or refund subscriptions), I certainly cannot promise that it will not happen again.

Thank you for listening. I welcome your thoughts.

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Mail Call

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Dear Editor,

My name is Leah Hoffmann and I'm a reporter for Forbes.com. I got your contact information from Fred Reed at Paper Money -- I'm hoping to write an article about World War II veterans who collected or still collect short snorters, and he told me that you might be able to help me locate people who are willing to chat with me about their collections. I'd be

particularly interested in hearing from actual World War II vets (or their children). Our offices are in New York City, so it'd be great if you knew of any New York area collectors so that I could interview them in person. I could also, of course, correspond with people via phone or email.

I'm working on a rather tight deadline for this story, so if you think you'll be able to help me track down some short snorter collectors, please let me know as soon as possible.

Thanks again,

Leah

Leah Hoffmann
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lhoffmann@forbes.net

Dear Leah,

I do not know anyone right off hand who meets your needs. (Tom Warburton, do you have recollections of short snorters?) I hope that a Gramster can help you. In the mean time, we will be happy to help you in any other way that we can.

Editor

Dear Editor,

What is the cost per night in excess of the \$148.00 for a double room? Since I will be coming in Thursday, I need a room for that night. You may want to include that in the Gram information for the Fest. Can you also list Sparky's email.

Jim Downey

P.S.

I have come across a couple more varieties of Armed Forces Leave checks and a Defense Bond Refund check. Do you want copies? If so, do you want them emailed. I will have the originals at Fest.

JAD

Dear Jim,

Good questions. I have added some of the information to the Fest page below. The easy part is that extra room nights are (only) \$44. The problem comes because people coming on Thursday or Staying Sunday etc may not have the same (or any) roommate available for the extra nights.

How late are you arriving on Thursday? We have a new event in the works for Thursday night (see the next Gram (sorry Ed)). Also there is the bourse banquet, more on that later too.

Dear Gram,
Corrections to the fester list for fest-next - The following names are misspelled: Roger Urce, Bill Myers, Ron Waddell, Brett Irick John Cheney is listed twice.

Joe

Dear Joe,
Thank you for your comments. We are working on the list and need to be it reconciled real soon. This means that if you have not sent in your reservations, do so promptly please. If we have something wrong about your listing, please tell us that too. Among other things, Loretta and Marcus need to know registration information so please speak up. In the past, Ski has proposed a limit to Fest attendance. I think that he is right. I think that we should limit Fest participation to 66. That is the 64 players in a full March Madness tournament plus two officials. I do not think that we are at risk of filling this year, but next year we can probably reach that number. If we then get sufficient demand to go beyond that number we may have to rethink the format.

Editor

Dear Editor,
Are you feeling OK? I just received this gram 1422 a few minutes ago, and realized that it is the same 1422 sent out three days ago. I don't mind the extra copy mind you, but they usually arrive within a few minutes of each other, but three days?
Maybe Doc Tolek can take a look see? Or maybe you should call Dr. Gary (who has fours?) Hicks. Get some HELP man!!

Champ

Grammeister:
Was there any purpose in sending out this Gram which seems to be a repeat of the previous one!

Richard

Dear Editor,
I give up! Why was this one sent again??

Don

Dear Readers,
Thank you for noticing. Possibly I needed some letters to the editor to fill out a Gram, if so--it worked.
Could it be that I made a mistake? Could it be that the circulation department was sending out freebies in the hope that you would leave your extra copy in the

latrine as a recruiting tool? Hm.

Editor

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Calendar

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The London Paper Money Fair has moved to: Victory Services Club, 63 Seymour Street, off Edgware Road, Marble Arch London and the dates are: Feb 5, May 7, July 2 and Nov 26. see: www.britishnotes.co.uk or www.londonpapermoneyfair.co.uk

Feb 9-11, Long Beach, mini fest to be announced

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<http://www.collect.com/shows/article.asp?id=9585>

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Occupied Jersey and Guernsey

By Steve Feller

The British Channel Islands are excellent places to visit for the collector intrigued with how history connects to bank notes. For years, I have wanted to visit these islands and recently I spent three days in the two bailiwicks of Jersey and Guernsey. For me the historical connection was the fact that German forces in fact, occupied these two bits of British territory during World War II. This occupation was not gentle and the islanders endured almost five years of it until their liberation occurred on VE day plus one: 9 May 1945. The occupation began at the very end of June 1940 after Britain realized that the islands could not be defended following the fall of France.

Geographically, the islands are close to France (even as close as nine miles from Normandy). Thus, the Germans arrived without resistance. We began our numismatic adventure on Jersey, the largest of the islands. The flight from Coventry, England (where I am living temporarily) took but one hour. After an enjoyable Asian fusion meal, my wife and I rested in our hotel just off the city center of St. Helier, the capital of Jersey. Next morning we walked to the liberation plaza opposite the German command center, the four-star hotel Pom d'Or. Along the way, we walked by one of Jersey's occupation museums and noted that it would open at 10:00 A.M. Tourist information yielded the location of St. Helier's coin shop and after some shopping for pearls for my better half I

easily found the shop--a wonderful eclectic place that mainly dealt with coins but had a considerable amount of bank notes and associated artifacts as well. After I mentioned my interests, the proprietor showed me a good selection of the Jersey occupation notes. He then said that he thought he might have a complete set including the rare ten shilling and one pound notes and if I could stop back in a few hours he would look at home during lunch. Naturally, I agreed to return. We next went to the occupation museum which, while interesting, did not care for its artifacts very well. At one point original Canadian relief supply packages were being used to prop up a display! However, the museum did have a rather large collection of monetary issues including many ration books. Many digital photos later we left the museum and had a nice lunch at a local Italian place. While walking after lunch I hailed a cab and asked the driver to take us around the island for an hour or so to see sites associated with the German occupation. The driver, a woman from England, knew the island well--it is but 45 square miles and we went to many bunkers gun emplacements scattered among sites of splendid beauty as well. It really does not take much more than an hour to go all the way around. The islands are said to have been among the heaviest fortified places in Nazi-occupied Europe with many miles of underground tunnels as well. Dozens of pictures later the cab dropped my wife off for a well-earned nap at our hotel and continued on with me back to the coin shop. Of course, this is the optimal way to buy bank notes while married and soon the Feller collection had a complete set of the Jersey occupation notes. Also purchased were common German occupation notes because they were brought into the shop at the same time as Jersey occupation notes by the locals--in other words, they were the actual German notes used on Jersey--however; the notes themselves cannot prove this. Still I paid just a few pounds for these. As a parting purchase, I obtained an original Jersey newspaper from the beginning of the occupation giving the rules for the civilian population--this was well worth an additional five pounds.

In my next installment, I will describe our visit to Guernsey, which had many more adventures that are numismatic--in fact more than on Jersey since we spent more time there.

Changes at ANA

by Joe Boling

There have been some changes made at ANA HQ that have not gotten much publicity. If you go to www.money.org and drill down a couple of levels under "about us" (to http://www.money.org/Content/NavigationMenu/ContactUs/Contact_Staff1.htm) you can find some names in places you might not expect. The gram had a notice when Gail Baker was moved from

Education (which does not exist any more) to Public Relations, Marketing, and Sales. She now has the titles "Market and Brand Development" and "Webmaster." Her girl Friday from Education, Barb Olson, is now working with Brenda Bishop in Meeting Services (where she has the title "Manager" to Brenda's "Director"). She is still doing exhibit coordination for ANA conventions, so exhibits have now moved back from education to conventions, where they were for decades.

Jane Colvard is no longer in the library with Nancy Green - Jane is now the "Planner" in the Numismatic Outreach department (or team, or squad, or whatever they call these organizational entities now). Outreach is where the Summer Seminar is handled, so if you are sending in a seminar or scholarship application, that's where it goes. Jim Lucas is gone as Chief Operations Officer (gone gone - not on staff anywhere any more) - that title is now held by Sheryl von Blucher. Susan Procell is now Susan McMillan - she is still the person responsible for awards, in addition to picking up a title called "Consumer Protection." I guess if you want to file a discipline complaint against an ANA member, she is where you start. There is also no longer a live telephone answerer at HQ - you have to know who you want to talk to and navigate the automated menu system (which still uses the old departmental titles) to get to a voice mail box for your target - a thoroughly unfriendly public interface for an organization that lives or dies on membership retention. Since you are a gram reader, you have access to the ANA via the web - look up the extension you want before calling, to maximize the potential for making contact.

Championship Question Corner

Question: What neutral European nation is the only country to win a winter Olympic medal but never a medal at the summer Olympics? The country has no listings in the neutrals section of Remembered. Question 77, difficulty 2. Canadian bonds issued to finance World War II issued in 9 numbered loans were called what? Question 78, difficulty 2.

Yesterday's questions: What colony had the Grand Pacific Hotel that issued card small change notes? Question 74, difficulty 2. What printer manufactured Luxemburg Liberation notes? Question 75, difficulty 1. Sticking with the idea of printers and a bonus THIRD question: what two printers produced notes for Martinique during World War II? Question 76, difficulty 3. (more like 2.5 or 2.4, but ok 3).

The answer is: See comments below.

Comments from the field: Jack (champ) Hunter wrote: Oh the curse of giving up too much information has bitten me again Drat!

#74: Fiji had chits for the Grand Pacific Hotel. #75: Waterlow & Sons, Bradbury and American Banknote Co. printed liberation notes for Luxemburg. 76: ABNC and EAW printed notes for Martinique.

At first, I was going to say Cameroun for the Eboue question, because that is what is on the note. But then I decided to look it up, just to be sure, and blew it anyway!!!

I am really glad that the March madness is NOT open book. At least that way you either know it or you don't. None of this second guessing business. And, in my mind anyway, that is a lot easier, (if you know the answer, that is). There is a load of info in the book, and sometimes my mind can't keep it all sorted out, and sometimes too much of it gets stuck in the wrong brain cell and cannot be processed in a timely manner. It gets even better under stress of the interrogation like atmosphere at Fest. I can hardly wait. <:-o

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Editorial

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I am extremely envious of Steve's trip to the Channel Islands. Just as I was of Ski and his trip to Fanning. Do you remember when I tried to go to the islands? It was several years ago. I went to the IBNS Congress in London. Larry Falater and I then planned to go to the Channel Islands for just the type of adventure that Steve had (sans spouse shopping), but a gale blew and the ferry on which we had tickets was cancelled. We then went to France where we toured the beaches of Normandy. I sent several reports from France. I wonder what Grams (numbers) those were.

It is quite obvious that I am behind in publishing Grams. I have been running around on various projects the the Olympics entered my life making it even harder to stay focused. I hope to do better this week.

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Mail Call

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Dear Editor,

I do not recall short snorters being common with British forces. We were not paid enough to scribble over perfectly good spend notes!. The lowest denomination of Stirling notes was 10 shillings, about three days pay for a private I recall.

I've got one interesting short snorter 1 note. It seems to originate in the Isle of Man and the twenty signatories are nearly all NCOs with pointers they are American. One signatory brackets RAF after name. The predominant names are Muriel and Evelyn - speculate who they are!

There were three air fields in IOM, mainly devoted to air gunnery training, At short notice I cannot find any reference to US forces being stationed there. Perhaps one of our more expert web surfers can find

something.

There is an interesting note shown by van Elmpt in his BMA book Page 74. It is a BMA 2/6 and ostensibly bears the signatures of General Eisenhower, Admiral Cunningham (C in C Mediterranean Fleet) and Antony Eden (British Resident Minister in the Mediterranean during most of the War). All three were in Cairo in November 1943.

Sorry I can't be more help.

Tom Warburton

Dear Editor,

The Editorial In Gram #1423 Was Excellent. I Appreciate The Time You Took, To Better Explain Your Editorial Position. I Commend You & Respect Your Decision.

"BUT"....It Just Seems Odd That We Need To Subscribe To A Print Publication To Get The Latest Military Collecting News..."FIRST".

Ed Beaman

Greetings, just received my first edition [of the Gram] (Jan 30 06) today, and thoroughly enjoyed it. As for my specific collecting interest, I have been seeking out any of the Shanghai, China local scrip as described in WWII Remembered, pgs 48 thru 57. I have been actively searching for about 18 months, and have a collection of a whopping 7 (yes; seven) notes. Whoopie! I will be sitting in with Denis Gillio at the Long Beach show, table #850 if anyone would care to drop by and yak about WWII Remembered stuff. A really fascinating period of history, and we should all be proud to be the sons & daughters of what I think is the greatest generation of Americans ever. Good health to all, John Boise, Santa Barbara, Ca.

Dear Gramsters,

I am just back from a short trip to the Channel Islands. There I saw numerous examples of the occupation money--heard of and saw an example of a camp scrip for Channel Islanders (Jersey) deported to Germany! Heard of and might get a scan of scrip used at the Guernsey camp in Germany. Examples of numismatics there: at the tourist info building on Guernsey the exchange guy had a complete set of the Guernsey WWII local notes in great condition--he did mention his friend who had tens of thousands of pounds worth of the notes. Also, saw the notes in several museums. I saw an English propaganda leaflet in the design of a German military mark note dropped on the island of Guernsey!!! Bought a note from the occupation museum after the curator (short of money?) brought some to my hotel at night. Saw ration coupons of different kinds on the two islands. I will make a presentation on this trip at the Fest.

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7-9 April ANA convention, Atlanta

June 1-3 Long Beach, mini fest to be announced

16-18 June Memphis

1-14 July ANA summer seminar

16-20 August ANA convention, Denver

September 14th-16th, Long Beach, mini fest to be
announced

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Occupied Jersey and Guernsey part II

By Steve Feller

The next morning we took a flight to Guernsey we were in the air for less than 15 minutes! After checking in to Moores Central Hotel we walked around the atmospheric capital of St. Peter Port-I also used an ATM machine there to get some Guernsey money. Being a Sunday our options were limited but as luck would have it the main occupation museum was open. This necessitated a cab ride of about 10 pounds paid for in Guernsey currency for fun (they take British, Guernsey, or Jersey equally). This museum was larger and better presented than its counterpart on Jersey was. Again I saw many ration books and many examples of both Guernseys and Jerseys occupation currency. They had all sorts of artifacts in various states of disrepair and age. As I was about to leave I bought a Guernsey occupation stamp for 95 pence. I also bought some first hand accounts of the occupation. The staff person was knowledgeable about the period. I mentioned that I collect bank notes and write about them at

which point he became animated and told me he would check the archives of the museum for duplicates and he even indicated they might sell some! While my bride had tea, he rummaged. How British is it to have a tearoom in an occupation museum? After a long while he said he needed more time and we arranged for him to come to our hotel at 8:30 P.M. As we were looking for the bus stop to go back to St. Peter Port we met his wife, an exuberant lay reader at a local church. After a brief chat we discovered that she had spent a summer in Iowa near Cedar Rapids! The bus brought us back to the capital and we had a mice lunch. Walking back to the hotel I did a double take when I saw the pub by the hotel was named the Thomas de la Rue! More snaps on the camera and an inquiry led to the story that this was the former home of the one and only founder of the great printing firm. When we bought Guernsey postage the stamps were de la Rue commoratives. A nap and a nice seafood dinner brought us near to the time of our meeting with the museum chap and his wife. Promptly at 8:30 they arrived and he suddenly remembered that he had left the crucial envelope in the car. After a few minutes he showed me the museum duplicates: Guernsey and Jersey occupation notes, but alas, he was very knowledgeable about prices. Still we made a deal on a lovely blue paper six pence Guernsey note from 1942. Then he showed me an interment camp note! It was from a German camp for Jerseymen sent to the mainland. I had never seen it before and it had a WWI look but still since he told me he had obtained it from an inmate and had seen but a few I asked him to scan it for me. He then asked if I had seen the other one on exhibit from yet another camp. No, I had not! Again, a request for help to him went forth. I am eagerly awaiting his information. I also learned that the occupation money from both islands could be used on both during the war. Next morning we did some shopping and at the post office I bought a 2005 Guernsey 5-pound coin that celebrated the 60th anniversary of the liberation. Then we were off to the Guernsey museum. To find it we stopped first at the tourist information building on the quay. There the head of the exchange bureau turned out to be a big time collectorI saw a complete set of Guernsey occupation notes well framed and upon inquiring he opened his safe he showed me quite a few morein unc but priced 300 pounds and up. He mentioned his friend who had more than 40000 pounds worth of the occupation notes. We walked up to the Guernsey Museumlovely and well done with much bank note material. But first I digress. The museum is on a bluff overlooking the harbor and the view includes two of the other islands in the Guernsey Bailiwick: Herm and Sark. How I longed to go and investigate but I couldnt arrange it because of time and the fact that this was the off-season. Sark doesnt allow motorized vehicles and they sounded super but&I did bring the book War on Sark with me, which is a first hand account of the

occupation period with numerous mentions of the occupation and German currency as well. Back to the story. The museum had a good account of the occupation and the displays included a complete unc set of the Guernsey occupation notes and several other notes. The signage was good too. They also had a marvelous set of exhibits on the evolution of the design and printing of recent Guernsey paper money. This included original plates, proofs, artwork, etc. The museum allowed me to photograph all of this. Afterwards I arranged a cab to take us around the island again for a bit more than an hour. This was very well done and we ended up by design at the Guernsey airport for our brief flight back to Jersey and then to Coventry. By this time I had 150 pictures from our trip. We arrived in Coventry around 9 PM. I will be redoing this for the Fest with pictures and slides of the notes and then for the IBNS Journal. For me it was thrilling to be there to see it for myself and to learn new information. I also enjoyed calling Fred just to rub it in that I was there.

Championship Question Corner

Question: What colony had George VI notes in denominations of 4 and 8 annas? (I think that the question would work without giving the units (annas). Can anyone think of another area with 4 and 8 as denominations? Question 79, difficulty 2. What Canadian City had Victory bond promotional reichmarks? Question 80, difficulty 3.

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The answer is: Number 77 was a pure attempt to taylor a question with the news. Liechtenstein was neutral in WWII, has no issues in Remembered, AND has won medals in the winter, but not summer Olympics. See below for Number 78.

Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote: #77 A pure guess in Monaco [and a good guess it was, but wrong] #78 Victory loan long term bonds [the key word is Victory as opposed to war or defense]

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Editorial

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I have not been able to catch too much numismatic from watching the Olympics (in spite of many hours of trying). The obvious exception is the Olympic medals themselves. They are decidedly numismatic items and wonderful ones at that. At one time I collected them. I only had one award medal, but I had quite a

collection of participation medals. Ok, I am developing some connections here. The 1940 and 44 games were cancelled because of the war and there are some issues for the 1940 games. I cannot remember much (anything) about this because I have not even considered this for a long time. Possibly someone will help us out here.

Then of course there are the medals from the 1936 games which by our normal standards would not qualify for inclusion in Remembered. But, because they were for Berlin and the games were meant by Hitler to be giant propaganda for the Reich, they certainly are of special interest to us. Further research and reports from readers on these subjects would be nice.

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Mail Call

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Dear Fred:

I was pleased, when I fired up my terminal and accessed e-mail this morning, to find my first issue of the MPC Gram awaiting my scrutiny. Enjoyed reading it. Actually I must confess, however, that I had pondering contacting you to inquire if our passing conversation about it and my interest in being enrolled, it was at FUN as I recall, had been overlooked in the crunch of your involvements. Good show, and thanks!

I cannot resist commenting on Joe Bolings comments on the changes at ANA headquarters and the unfriendly public interface that has emerged. Just yesterday, I received a call from an acquaintance, who had taken me up on my offer of a \$7 subsidy on new memberships, but has heard nothing from ANA since sending his check in, in late December, probably 7-8 weeks ago. Now I have to inquire if something went astray, which I suspect is not the case; I presume membership processing is just not the top priority that it should be. When I was at KP if a subscription order came in on a given Monday, the first issue of NN was on its way to the new subscriber that Friday following.

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I look forward to receiving issues of the MPC Gram as a regular recipient in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Cliff

Dear Cliff,
When I (finally) got around to entering your

subscription (more along ANA time than KP time I guess), I wondered if in our conversation in Orlando you had actually been interested or were just being polite! Thanks for your interest and we look forward to occasional submissions from you and one of these days we will get you to the Fest.

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A Postscript on the Occupation of Guernsey and Jersey

by Steve Feller

In todays mail was a letter from Richard L. Heaume, Director of the German Occupation Museum on Guernsey. He was the one who came to my hotel after my visit to the museum. A delightful letter brought forth two photos from its interior. One was a photograph of a regular German POW note and it was brought to the museum by an internee after the war. The other was a green 20 mark note from the internment camp at Wurzach. This was the camp Jerseymen were sent to by the Germans for various infractions. From Google I learned that Waldburg-Wurzach is a county located in southeastern Baden-Wrttemberg, Germany. The letter went on to mention that the Wurzach notes ranged in face values of 1 pfennig to 20 marks and there were 9 notes in a set. A vignette of the Wurzach school for priests is on the 20 mark note as this was the prewar function of the camp!

With the letter was an address and a phone number for the honorable secretary of the C.I.O.S. (Channel Island Occupation Society) Mr. W.M. Ginns, MBE. A quick phone call led me to the same person who himself was an internee at Wurzach. He told me that, in fact, he had returned with this money! However, it was not

used there, rather regular German marks were and he received marks as an internee. The Wurzach money was found from the pre-war college and taken as souvenirs. I also learned again that both Jersey and Guernsey currencies circulated on both islands in the war. Nineteenth century Napoleon III coins even circulated as they were brought over from France! He described the two kinds of mark currencies as well as the Jersey and Guernsey currencies that were in circulation (I specifically asked about the two mark issues)-Fred made that a quiz question as it can be answered from The book. He said transactions were often mixed marks paid in Jersey currency received in change and vice-versa as examples. He said that teachers told me that kids had difficulty learning the traditional pounds shilling and pence system because of the parallel circulation of German occupation money. After the war the British government paid off the mark currency. He also mentioned that whereas France's occupied currency reverted to a local franc issue and Holland went to guilders and that other countries reverted to familiar denominations the German issues on the islands remained the occupation mark. When asked why he didn't know. Finally, I learned of the expert in the Channel Island currencies from WWII is a German! I have his name and will write him shortly. By the way Mr. Ginns is sending me an article by this expert on the money of the war period. The saga will be continued.

Commentary

by Joe Boling

Further to today's gram - The cancelled 1940 Olympics were supposed to be in Tokyo. The Japanese finally got to host the games in 1964, which was taken to be their opportunity to show off progress since 1945. A few collectibles exist for the 1940 games - things like promotional booklets. As for the 1964 games, there is a three medal set (in three metals) that was marketed by the Japan Olympic committee, and no end of other medals and what-not that were manufactured for other less-official vendors. The winter games have been held twice in Japan since then - Sapporo and Nagano. I have the participation medals for all three of these games (the Sapporo one is hard to find - winter games medals in general are tougher than summer, as there are a lot fewer attendees). I ran across a reference to MPC in an article written by Tony James about some club chits created for an Australian medical unit in Vietnam. In explaining the rationale for creating such chits, he mentioned that MPC were introduced to protect greenbacks (to keep greenbacks out of the economies of war-distressed nations), and chits were created to protect MPC (to keep MPC out of the hands of the local national

employees of the clubs). I had never heard that particular description of the function of chits - to protect the restricted-circulation military currency. Does anyone care to comment about this phraseology?

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Yesterday's questions: What colony had George VI notes in denominations of 4 and 8 annas? (I think that the question would work without giving the units (annas). Can anyone think of another area with 4 and 8 as denominations? Question 79, difficulty 2. What Canadian City had Victory bond promotional reichmarks? Question 80, difficulty 3.

The answer is: see below.

Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote: Question 79 Burma had 4 & 8 anna notes, Indian POW camps had 1, 2, 4, 8 anna notes but without GVI. Question 80 Winnipeg during the Feb 1942 German invasion (mock of course).

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Editorial

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Joe found an auction listing for the following book. Unique/Historical Coinage of World War II by Scheerer. At first I was shocked that I had never heard of such a book. Then I thought that I might have heard of it but was uncertain. I am still uncertain. I did a google search on it and came up with nothing. Does anyone have this book? Know anything about it? It is certainly something that we should read. It sounds interesting and right up our collective alley.

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Mail Call

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Dear Editor,

With reference to the editorial in Gram 1425 concerning Olympic medals, can any gramster advise where the 1940 and 1944 games were to have been held?

Also, while I sympathies with Cliff regarding his dislike of little black boxes answering his phone calls, I consider phone calls being made by little black boxes even worse (Hello, please hold the line as we have a recorded message for you! - I wonder if anyone has ever held on to listen to the message). The ultimate idiocy in my view was a recent call from a "little black box" which, when answered, apologized for disturbing me but it really wanted to talk to another little black box (ie it wanted to leave a message on an answering machine).

gramme A

Dear Gram,

We certainly share your anger/hate etc. about such telephone abuses. We have two favorite counteractions. Which we use depends at least in part on our mood. We try to get a person on the phone. Then we ask to be put on the do not call list. Sometimes we ask to speak to a supervisor first. Our favorite counteraction is to listen for a few moments then ask the caller to hold for a moment while we change phones. Then we put them on hold and go about our business. Sometime we even pick up the phone again after 30 seconds and confirm that we want them to hold on. I love it.

Editor

Dear Editor,

I sent in my Fest payment. It is over a week later and Gram does not show us as paid. Looking forward to the Fest,

Dan & Kathy Freeland

Dear Dan,

Thank you for checking. We are indeed a bit behind. I have now marked you as paid and we look forward to seeing you. We need everyone else to check also and keep on me. I also need to know everyone's transportation plans.

Editor

Dear Editor,

Unable to make the Fest as I will be moving to my new job that weekend. However, the good news is you can all see me at my new place in Memphis during the next show. I will be flying the baby Airbus (A300) and then the big momma (A380) still with the FAA but assigned to the FEDex certificate. Sorry I will miss this year but count on me for '07.

Bill McNease

Dear Bill,

We had counted on you to do a special destruction of obsolete notes (should any happen to be generated during the time of the Fest). We will miss you, but look forward to seeing you in Memphis AND at Fest VIII.

Editor

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Bowling Added to Agenda

Doug Bell and Steve Swoish are organizing a bowling tournament to be held on Thursday evening before the Fest as part of the preliminary activities. See Fest VII training schedule in calendar section.

The event will be held at Harbor Freeway Lanes in Port Clinton after the annual bourse banquet at Big Boppers.

Bell and Swoish will be team captains of ad hoc teams assembled on site. They have promised innovative rules, handicapping, and a good time. They have arranged for the lanes to maintain Fest bowling averages through at least Fest 50. Entry fee will be three dollars (FRN) per person and participation will substitute for the Friday AND Saturday Lake Erie swims (although bowlers are invited to swim).

Championship Question Corner

Question: What printing technology is generally used to print serial numbers? Question 83, difficulty 2. Den Danske Brigade notes were used in the occupation of waht country? Question 84, difficulty 2. Bonus question: the famous phoenix rising vignette appears on what denomination Free French notes? Question 84, difficulty 2. bonus, bonus. Who painted the phoenix rising vignette? Question 85 difficulty 3. Yesterday's questions: What series BAFSV was used for the Suez incident? Question 81, difficulty 2. Where was the Onchan internment camp located? Question 82, difficulty 2.

The answer is: see below.

Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote: The third series special vouchers was used in the Suez. The Onchan internment camp was located on the Isle of Man. Champion Jack also sent in the correct answers and

added the following: One of these days I am going to finish reading WW II R. But it will not be anytime too soon. It is just too addictive to read about these different issues, and not have them in my collection. Perhaps I will win the lottery tonight (did you get your ticket?) and then I can persue some of these obscure collectables. The Onchan notes being on that list.

Great read though...

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Editorial

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Rummaging around in my stuff, I found two little interesting items that I have not seen in awhile. They probably should have been at least illustrated in the MPC book. I guess that will have to wait for the next time. These are souvenir covers made in 1975 with MPC! They both have an actual MPC mounted on the envelopes. One is a Series 651 \$1. The occasion was the first day of issue of the 10c Lexington & Concord stamp. The stamp is affixed to the note and canceled first day of issue. The other souvenir is for the 75th anniversary of the US submarine force. A series 681 fractional with the submarine vignette is mounted on the envelope. Two stamps are affixed to the note and there is a commemorative postmark affixed to both of them. I have no idea who created these souvenirs, but I sure would like to know. They also make me wonder how many other MPC souvenirs have been created and wait to be found.

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Mail Call

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Dear Gram,

For the record, you haven't marked me as paid yet. Single, arriving on Thursday.

Take Care,

Ron Waddell

Dear Ron,

Thank you. It has been a struggle keeping things straight. We just got word that Sparky Watson has a conflict and cannot come to the Fest this year. We will certainly miss his organizational efforts. Therefore it is critical that everyone send their travel plans here to Fest HQ. Thanks, and cross your fingers.

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0930-1700 Bourse preparations select personnel david
1900-2100 bourse banquet @ Big Boppers all available
Judy, Ken
2100-2300 1st annual bowling championship all
available Doug, Steve
2400- bull session/swap meet all available Ski

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0830-0900 breakfast @ Holiday Inn all personnel Kim
0830-1100 bourse set up select personnel David
1050 bourse and Fest registration open all personnel
Loretta
1100-1800 bourse all available David
auction submission/viewing all interested Ski
1730-1900 new Fester training new Festers Doug, Marcus
1800-1930 chow all personnel Judy
1900-1930 exhibits installed exhibitors Joe
2000-2030 pay call by company paymasters
2200-2300 March madness round 1& 2 all personnel
Wendell

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2331 FPO, px, canteen closed interested personnel
Dick, Roger
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Nick
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T&M
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0700-0730 destruction of obsolete MFC select personnel
Bill
0730-0830 auction lot viewing optional Ski
0830-0845 awards all personnel 1SGs
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personnel Sparky
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An Important Discovery

by David Klinger

I found an illustration of a 100 Yen British Commonwealth Occupation Force (BCOF) Special Voucher (for use in Japan) on a museum web site of the Reserve Bank of Australia. It is apparently a hand drawn essay. I have little further information right now, but I have asked the museum curator for more details.

Since the upcoming Fest theme is JIM, I thought you might be interested to see what could have been called BIM (British Invasion Money) - or BOM (British Occupation Money).

You can read a short history of the BCOF at: <http://www.awm.gov.au/atwar/bcof.htm>
You can view the note/essay at: <http://davidklinger.blogspot.com/>

Something new at the post office?
by Joe Boling

I have been trying to get clear of here to go to fest this week, since I am driving east this year. I am taking my Japanese bond and share collection (less a small teaching set for summer seminar) over to New York to sell, and getting those bonds and shares (1700+ pieces) ready to go has been a real chore. In the past three days I have taken 1070 photographs (mostly of share certificates - there are hundreds of them in the collection), and tonight I printed new labels to attach to all the pieces for the edification of the buyer. Over the next two days I have to actually attach those labels to the pieces - fun and games. I need some skilled labor out here (able to read Japanese). On top of this, my printer has decided to get cranky - it took me five hours to print about 1075 address labels for my HS alumni assn newsletter that also had to be in the mail before departing for fest. I mailed that mass on Thursday last week. I did not get my own back on Friday, which is the normal turnaround time out here, but on Saturday I got not only my own newsletter, but returned newsletters with redirect addresses on them from Texas (two cities) and New Mexico. I just don't see how my mailing could have

traveled that far, been marked up, and returned in two days. This looks more like there is some sort of national redirect system in the post office, that can be triggered by a mailpiece anywhere in the country. Does anyone know whether that is the case now?

Fest Auction Complete

Auctioneer Smulczenski has completed the Fest auction. It will be distributed in printed form at MPCFest. It will also be distributed in or with Gram 1429. Be ready to study hard and bid liberally to support the summer seminar scholarship fund.

Name Tags

Loretta (and Dick) Freyser are creating custom name tags for MPCFest VII. If you are attending the Fest and have not told them how you want your name, do it NOW or be prepared for a generic name tag. Write Loretta at dfreyser@cs.com.

Championship Question Corner

Question: In what country were Azad Hind postage stamps printed? Question 86, difficulty 3. What two MPC series have skips confirmed in the serial numbers? Question 87, difficulty.

Yesterday's questions: What printing technology is generally used to print serial numbers? Question 83, difficulty 2. Den Danske Brigade notes were used in the occupation of what country? Question 84, difficulty 2. Bonus question: the famous phoenix rising vignette appears on what denomination Free French notes? Question 84, difficulty 2. bonus, bonus. Who painted the phoenix rising vignette? Question 85 difficulty 3.

The answer is: see below.

Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote: Question 83: I will guess letterpress Question 84: Royal Danish Ministry of War for use by Danish soldiers stationed in the British sector of occupied Germany. Question 85: 1000 francs Question 86: I will guess Edmund Dulac

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Editorial

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Did you look at the note (essay) that David Klinger found? This is a wonderful thing. I wonder what other denominations may exist of this proposed series. I wonder if the museum has any documents to support the note. I wonder if Nick or some other of our Australian Gramsters can visit the museum and see this note and answer some of these questions.

Richard Banyai published a picture in the 1970s in one of his books of an (apparent) essay of similar

style. I was always intrigued by that note. I wrote my Banyai about the photo (and other things too). Although we exchanged a few letters, he never even acknowledged my questions. I had about given up on ever having the answers to the questions about the mystery note. Now we have a chance to find out more information. It is wonderful.

Banyai wrote about four books on World War II notes. The books are somewhat technical dealing with legal and policy matters. In those areas they are unrivaled and wonderful. Everyone should at least read parts of these books. It would be a great project for one or more Gramsters to read the books and write reviews for the Gram. If you do not have a copy (they are scarce), I am sure that they are available from the ANA library. By the way, you can even borrow from the ANA library if you are not a member (shame on you), but are a member of the International Bank Note Society.

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More on the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces,
Special Voucher

by David Klinger

First, I want to point out an error on this essay. The issuing authority represented on the note is Joint Chief of Staffs, Australia, rather than the correct title: Joint Chiefs of Staff, Australia. For two thirds of the period of occupation the Commonwealth was represented solely by Australians and throughout its existence BCOF was always commanded by an Australian officer.

My first reaction on finding this note (essay) on the Reserve Bank of Australia museum web site was that it was a counterpoint to the Japanese Invasion Money (JIM), and, that it was a proposed issue for use by the occupied Japanese population. That was certainly the context of the museum display. See:

<http://tinyurl.com/f5255>

However, after further consideration of comments from others I now believe that it was a precursor to the sterling based British Armed Forces Special Vouchers (BAFSV). But, the final story on this has still not been told! Theo van Elmpt, the recognized expert on BAFSV wrote this to me:

Hi David, Thanks. I now believe that this essay is the result of the discussions in the 3rd quarter of 1946 when the voucher scheme for Japan was implemented. The net result was that the existing sterling denominated voucher were to be used. (see my book page 40 and on). I seem to remember that at the time there was some talk about a special design for Japan but it wasn't clear from the files that this had actually led to anything. I will consult my files and notes again to corroborate and let you know. (will take some time as they are now all stored abroad)

Thanks again
Theo

I'll give further updates, as I get more information. Theo's book is the definitive reference on BAFSVs: British Armed Forces Special Vouchers, Elran Press, The Netherlands, 1994, ISBN 90-801808-2-3, by Theo van Elmpt.

Championship Question Corner

Question: In the MPC book (and WWII Remembered), what catalog number suffix indicates a counterfeit?

Question 88, difficulty 2/3. What MPC series had two different printers? Question 89, difficulty 2.

Yesterday's questions: In what country were Azad Hind postage stamps printed? Question 86, difficulty 3. What two MPC series have skips confirmed in the serial numbers? Question 87, difficulty.

The answer is: see below.

Comments from the field: Well, things have been pretty busy, getting ready for Fest and all. But I finally got a minute so I should get these answers to you before the next Gram is published.

Azad Hind postage stamps were printed in Germany, but never delivered to India. Series 472 & 481 had confirmed skips in there serial numbers.

I know you must be busier than a one armed paper hanger with all the Fest activities. Don't know how you ever get a Gram published, oh yeah, that's right, the Gram went to a weekly instead of a daily. So sorry, just had to take the shot. See you Thursday :-)

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Editorial

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I love my computer. Well, that can hardly be true. It is hard to actually love an inanimate object so I guess I like my computer. Well, actually, I am mad at it right now, so I suppose that I do not like it much at all. In fact I was so frustrated that I think I hate my computer. Well, it is silly to hate an inanimate object so&

Actually my main frustration is with my printer and the Easy Button people at Staples right now. As you can imagine, I am working on Fest preparations. I know that I run out of color toner cartridges when I am working on Fest materials so I had some extra cartridges on hand. What I did not have was what is called a imaging drum. They cost more and are MUCH harder to find on a shelf. The advertised guarantees on television about having toner cartridges on hand mean just what they say. The store have the toner, but not the imaging drums.

No sweat. I was quite a few days ahead of schedule so last Tuesday I ordered a drum and just to be sure two toner cartridges to add to my emergency supplies. The box arrived on schedule on Thursday. That night when I tried to install the drum it would not fit. Almost, but not quite. Turns out that the imaging drum for the model 2550 that I had does indeed look very much like the drum for the model 2500 which I needed. Ordering a replacement on Thursday night only nets delivery on Monday which mean exactly a week lost. So much for being smug on being ahead. I did discover a few interesting things. First, after I reinstalled the old drum, the printer would still print black (I do not pretend to understand, but it helped). Also, in printing a trouble shooting

report I learned that I have printed 17640 sheets with this printer. Yes, I know, this is more than you need or want to know.

Now to the computer. Well, not actually my computer, but the vast computer industrial complex. I have a little invoice program that I have used for years for various things. Most recently, I have been able to print Fest rosters, Fester pay vouchers and the like with this program. It was very useful for this purpose.

This is the first Fest since I upgraded the program. Upgraded, that IS a joke. For the above (and many other) functions it is a downgrade. Of course to make matters worse there is no reasonable way to get back to the old system. I do NOT love my computer right now.

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Mail Call

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Editor,

A friend of mine purchased a home from his deceased relative's estate. When cleaning up the attic, amid a pile of newspapers and magazines, he found an envelope containing various JIM (e.g., pesos, shillings, pounds and gulden). Some of the pesos (i.e., 1, 5 and 10) notes have two 1/4 in. holes punched in them 2 3/4 in. on center near the top. The hole locations are inconsistent from note to note other than maintaining the 2 3/4 in. center line. The centavos have two 3/8 in. holes on 3 1/8 in. centers near the top. Was this some type of endeavor for accountability and/or obsolete the notes? Have there been other pesos and centavos reported with the punched holes. As a side note, he also found white scarves with Japanese writing on them that are weaved through two holes cut into the ends of coconuts. I just wonder if any of the most traveled Gramsters have ever encountered these observations. His deceased relative was a WWII Vet who served in the Pacific.

Bob Unger

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0830-1100 bourse set up select personnel David
1050 bourse and Fest registration open all personnel
Loretta
1100-1800 bourse all available David
auction submission/viewing all interested Ski
1730-1900 new Fester training new Festers Doug, Marcus
1800-1930 chow all personnel Judy
1900-1930 exhibits installed exhibitors Joe
2000-2030 pay call by company paymasters
2200-2300 March madness round 1& 2 all personnel
Wendell
2300-2330 bull session by company 1SGs
2330 exhibits must be removed exhibitors Joe
2331 FPO, px, canteen closed interested personnel
Dick, Roger
0045 lights out by company 1SGs

Saturday 4 March

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0700-0745 sick call (by appointment) all sickies Drs
T&M
0730-0800 chow all personnel Kim
0700-0730 destruction of obsolete MFC select personnel
Bill
0730-0830 auction lot viewing optional Ski
0830-0845 awards all personnel 1SGs
0845-1130 auction all personnel Ski
1130-1230 police call and early departures select
personnel Sparky
1230-1315 chow all personnel Judy
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1500-1800 break camp and police call volunteers Harold
1830- chow at Crows Nest interested personnel Robert

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7-9 April ANA convention, Atlanta

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June 1-3 Long Beach, mini fest to be announced

16-18 June Memphis

1-14 July ANA summer seminar

16-20 August ANA convention, Denver

September 14th-16th, Long Beach, mini fest to be annuonced

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Red Cross JIM

by Paul Garner

Bob Unger asked about the holes punched into the Philippine JIM. I have read accounts some time ago that that there was a large amount of JIM Pesos captured by American forces when Manila fell. They were cancelled by using a standard two hole punch then turned over to the Red Cross to be given out as souvenirs to anybody who wanted them.

Some stories said that the military forces had them cancelled. Other stories said that the Red Cross did the cancelling. Don't know which is accurate, although I suspect that it was the military to prevent them being used by the GI's "on the economy" during the immediate aftermath of the fighting.

That brings up a question. What currency was used by the locals immediately after liberation. Was JIM still used? If so, how was it validated. What was the exchange rate of JIM to the Philippine Peso. Although I suspect that the exchange rate of the Peso to the Dollar remained at 2:1, I have never seen the JIM:Peso rate. Anybody know?

Hope this helps.

Championship Question Corner

Question: suspended until after the Fest

Yesterday's questions: In the MPC book (and WWII Remembered), what catalog number suffix indicates a counterfeit? Question 88, difficulty 2/3. What MPC series had two different printers? Question 89, difficulty 2.

The answer is: see below

Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote: Question 88: Counterfeits have the suffix q [this use of q is admittedly a stretch, but c and f (for fake) were not possible so the best that we could come up with was q for queer.--Ed.]

Question 89: Series 481-1st printing was done by Tudor Lithograph Corporation, printings 2-4 were done by Forbes Lithograph Corporation

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Editorial

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The Fest has started. Harold and Ski arrived today.

Wednesday is slave labor day. We actually added two Festers on Tuesday. That was

exciting, but a little complicating. We are clearly breaking 60 Festers this year. I think that this is a very exciting development.

The Fest bourse is also developing very nicely. This is only the second year that we have had a real bourse with the Fest. It too is getting better every year. If you cannot come to the Fest, come to the bourse on Friday! You will have a great time I am sure.

Many of you have been looking for the auction list.

Ski gave me some grief today because it had not yet been published in the Gram. While there was some validity to his complaint, I had a plan. I did not want to have it published too soon. Well, when I tried to put it in tonight, I found that the format in which he had sent it to me was just about unusable. I hope that he has it with him in another format. We will have to see tomorrow.

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Mail Call

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Editor,

When we were in Australia, we saw the essay that David Klinger has been writing about. The bank has many other unissued essays on display as well. I took a picture of the military note and will have it at the Fest.

Ian Marshall

(reconstituted from a prematurely trashed email)

Dear Gram,

Perhaps the 2.5 inch spacing of holes was for insertion in a binder clip. One of those fine early 20c devices used on the top of some folders.

Evil to collectors.

George

Dear Editor,

The hole-punched JIM are generally attributed to Red Cross teams who distributed them as souvenirs (presumably intending the punches to be cancellations, which were totally unnecessary). I'm not home so can't check, but the spacing you describe for the 1/4 inch should be a standard two-hole punch spacing. I am not familiar with the 3/8 inch holes. All holed pieces known to me are Philippine JIM. As for scarves with Japanese characters, they sound

like good luck items (headbands or belly-bands). I am not familiar with the coconut application. Not all Azad hind stamps were printed in Germany. The

Chalo Delhi stamps (also reported to have been used by the INA, with a mere one or two authenticated covers surviving, mailed from the Andaman Islands) were

locally printed. So the question should have asked in what countries were Azad hind stamps printed.
Joe

Dear Joe,
I reviewed the comments in Remembered and even your comments above and the attribution of these stamps seems to be uncertain. Then there is even the question of equating the Indian National Army with Azad Hind. Related, intertwined, certainly, but equal I am not so sure. I think that the question can stand as given, but fire again please.

Editor

Dear Editor,
I am not able to make it to the fest again this year. I'm just not well enough physically to make a trip like that right now. I'm hoping I can next time. I hope to participate in the auction if it is ok with you, please let me know. I'll watch for the auction in the Gram.. thanks

Rick Nickles

Dear Rick,
Shame on you (for not coming to the Fest). See the editorial regarding the auction.

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More Red Cross JIM

by Ray Czahor

During my first USAF assignment to the Philippines in 1963-1965, I encountered the holed JIM and also heard that they were done by the Red Cross. However, I don't believe that. At that time, I picked up one type of souvenir booklet with JIM in it. Some notes had holes, some didn't but all were in cellophane sleeves with the sleeves stapled to the front and back light stock covers at the left. On the cover was a depiction of a wild looking Japanese soldier. Then back in 2004 I picked up a very early WWII Japanese souvenir booklet titled "Japan's Philippine Occupation Currency Taken from the Captured Japanese Controlled Philippine National Bank, Daguan, Luzon January 11, 1945." Included a sheet on monetary history and a list of Pacific Invasion Dates of the Victorious 6th Army: June 20, 1943 through Feb 3, 1945. It contained 50 Centavos, 1 Peso, 5 Peso, 10 Peso notes that were well worn but no holes. This booklet received several bids and sold for \$52.50 in my Philippine Mailbid Sale VII in January 2005.

On the Road Again

by Joe Boling

I have been on the road for five days, driving from Seattle to fest, then to NY, then to CPMX and back to Seattle. Why? I'm taking my Japanese bonds and shares to NY to sell. Meantime, I have been watching the results of the Boone sale in Antwerp last weekend - some astounding results were obtained for Japanese material. For instance (and remember that after hammer premium, VAT, and shipping, total price is about 125% of hammer, and the euro is about \$1.20 these days):: SB743, Y100 release ru 3.5% treasury bond - 480 euros SB 1008, Y500 release to GEAW treasury bond - 250 euros SB87x, Manchou Development Public Loan Guaranteed by the Japanese and Manchou Govts, Y500, 200 euros (I can't look up the SB number for the Y500 bond because Fred left the Manchou bonds out of the draft 2nd edition, which is all that I am carrying) Recent realizations for Japanese bonds in the IBSS auctions have exceeded 300 pounds for Y1000 bonds. I bought a collection of Japanese material last summer - I had to pay full SB for much of it. If you have holes to fill in this area, you had better start looking for bargains.

Championship Question Corner

Question: suspended until after the Fest

Yesterday's questions: The answer is: see below

Comments from the field:

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Editorial

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Today, Wednesday, is the big physical labor day at the Fest. Loading, transporting, unloading, installing, losing, hunting, finding, not finding and those sorts of things. Yesterday, I promoted the bourse suggesting that if you cannot come for the weekend, but can come for the bourse that you should. Of course I still think that that is good advice. Here is a partial list of dealers who will have wares at the bourse (partial because I might forget someone).

David Seelye
Ian Marshall
Bill Yanchick
Dennis Earl
Al Glaser
Steve Swoish
Carlson Chambliss
Harold Kroll
Dick Freyser
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I hope to see you there, but if not I hope that someone who is there will write a report for a Saturday Gram. At that point I will certainly not be writing bourse reports.
If (when?) I solve the auction list problems, I will promptly send out another Gram.

Mail Call

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Dear Editor,

How can the auction be published too early? By letting festers see what is being offered BEFORE they leave home, they can check the lots against their collections, most of which will still be at home when they are looking at the lots on Catawba Island. You can never be too early with information - those who hoard information are the bane of our hobby (and often get tripped up by their recalcitrant technology when they think they are just in time - it has happened to the editor TWICE this week that we have HEARD of - how many more instances have not been divulged?). You said to fire again.

Joe

Dear Joe,

Fair enough, but you did not comment about the Azad Hind stamps which was the topics that I wanted to hear about.

Bleeding at the hospital,

Editor

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Calendar

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James White#\$\$, George Cuhaj#\$\$, John Watta#\$,
anniversary couple Louise and Joe Boling\$, Steve
Feller, Ian and Bella Marshall, Wes Hardy, Rod Hardy,
Jack Lippincott\$\$, Jack Hobbs, Judy and Fred Schwan
Running totals: overall 51; new festers 10. \$ paid, \$\$
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the same day. The address for the hotel in case you
are using mapquest or something like that is 50 NE
Catawba Road, Port Clinton, Ohio 43452.

Honor Roll: Mike Cummings, Robert Kutcher, Leo May.

Fest Training Schedule, version 2

Thursday 2 March

0800-1900 hotel registration individuals Kim
0830-0900 breakfast @ Holiday Inn all personnel Kim
0930-1700 Bourse preparations select personnel david
1900-2100 bourse banquet @ Big Boppers all available
Judy, Ken
2100-2300 1st annual bowling championship all
available Doug, Steve
2400- bull session/swap meet all available Ski

Friday 3 March

0800-1900 hotel registration individuals Kim
0830-0900 breakfast @ Holiday Inn all personnel Kim
0830-1100 bourse set up select personnel David
1050 bourse and Fest registration open all personnel
Loretta
1100-1800 bourse all available David
auction submission/viewing all interested Ski

1730-1900 new Fester training new Festers Doug, Marcus
1800-1930 chow all personnel Judy
1900-1930 exhibits installed exhibitors Joe
2000-2030 pay call by company paymasters
2200-2300 March madness round 1& 2 all personnel
Wendell
2300-2330 bull session by company 1SGs
2330 exhibits must be removed exhibitors Joe
2331 FPO, px, canteen closed interested personnel
Dick, Roger
0045 lights out by company 1SGs

Saturday 4 March

0400-0600 10k run, 3k swim (ice permitting) all
personnel 1SG
0730-0830 chow all personnel Kim
0830-0845 bn picture mess hall hardies
0845-0915 autograph party all personnel Ski
0915-1100 show n tell all personnel 1SG
1100-1230 March Madness all personnel Wendell
1245-1315 chow all personnel Judy
1315-1630 show n tell all personnel 1SG
1630-1830 show n tell all personnel 1SG
1830-1930 chow all personnel Judy
1830-1930 bond drive IV interested collectors Warner
1930-2030 March Madness finals all personnel Wendell
2030-2100 Texas Holdem training interested personnel
brad
2100-2400 RVN poker game reenactment all personnel
Nick
2100-2400 auction lot viewing (concurrent) all
personnel Ski
2400 snacks, mess hall interested personnel Judy
0045 lights out by company 1SGs

Sunday 5 March

0400-0600 10k run, 3k swim (ice permitting) all
personnel 1SG
0700-0745 sick call (by appointment) all sickies Drs
T&M
0730-0800 chow all personnel Kim
0700-0730 destruction of obsolete MFC select personnel
Bill
0730-0830 auction lot viewing optional Ski
0830-0845 awards all personnel 1SGs
0845-1130 auction all personnel Ski
1130-1230 police call and early departures select
personnel Sparky
1230-1315 chow all personnel Judy
1315-1500 local field trip interested personnel Fred
1500-1800 break camp and police call volunteers Harold
1830- chow at Crows Nest interested personnel Robert

Monday 6 March

0700-0730 breakfast Holiday Inn Kim
0730 field trip departure to AF Museum, Dayton, OH
select personnel TBA

1845 return from field trip
1900 local poker game (FRNs required) select
personnel

Tuesday 7 March
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0900- R & R

Wednesday 8 March
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1000 departure for CPMX

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Pre Fest Activity

by Fred Schwan

Fest Thursday was a busy one for Festers and staff. The day started with volunteers carry cases and other equipment to the Camp May. Volunteers were abundant from the many Festers who had arrived before noon. The afternoon was mostly spent chatting, talking, discussing, and otherwise having discourse about notes, notes, notes, and then some notes. The first semi official activity of the Fest weekend is the bourse banquet (term used very liberally) held at a high class joint called Big Boppers. This is the third (or possibly fourth) year that the group has gone there. An excellent meal was had by 36 Festers. It is of particular interest that lake perch was part of the bufet because the Fest staff had had huge perch meals the preceeding two nights at another Port Clinton quisine highlight called Jolly Roger. For the first, but certainly not the last time, the bourse banquet a bowling contest was held. This was suggested by someone a few weeks ago who was trying to get out of the 2 mile swim. Desipte the ill intent, the concept was excellent. Doug Bell and Steve Swoish were the ring leaders of the event and Bill Myers was the (much needed) battalion surgeon. Before the contest started, a new award was unveiled. It is certainly going to be called a Bell something after the creator. Possibly Bell Ball will work. Possibly the jargon will evolve that the winner was Balled. The award with goes to the highest single scorer of the match is a clear 16 pound bowling ball with an uncirculated MPC Series 541 \$5 replacement serial number F00000001. Most people were interested in how Doug got the note into the Ball. No one seemed particularly interested in the possiblity that the note might be a fantasy.

I figured that I needed to sandbag or posture a bit. In the five minute practice period I staged a marvelous fall where my legs went out from under me on the oily lane, I fell backward, and appeared to hit my head very hard on the lane. I think that everyone was convinced. The doc went along with my ploy pronouncing me injured but fit for, er, well, duty.

You should have seen the boss. She smoked he first game. I do not remember the score, but will try to report it later when we get all of the stats. Anyway, I held back as part of my plan started with the hean knock.

Between games, Al Glaser and I complained about the terrible playing conditions. He noted that the pins were very dead and it was unlikely that pros could get striked. I pointed out that the lighting was terrible. Not only was it low, but was lightng there was created a terrible glare. Then Al pointed out that the footing in the run up was very uneven with slippery and sticky sports. The house ball (use required by rules of the contest) were terrible. (I think that most of them had the normal three holes, but I am not certain.

Since the Boss had crushed both of us, Al and I figured that we needed to save some ego and challenged each other heads up on the second, and last of three scheduled games. I figured that I had him because of all of my acting and holding back in the first game. We settled on a wager of \$7 MFC. I quickly found out that he was thinking the same thing. He went to a big lead ripping four strikes in the middle frames.

I do not know if he was a better bowler than I, but it looked like he was a better actor, but you intrepid reporter fought back. However, he chocked a bit, but Al finished with a score that looked untouchable to me, something like 148 (final states available later in the Gram or checkyour Friday sports pages).

Remarkably, I stuggled into the tenth where a strike would put me in a good position to catch him. Then there was an intervention of some kind. I must have though that it was baseball, because I struck out plucking victory from the jaws of defeat. The throng cheered (well, Judy clapped).

The winner of the Bell Ball has not been determined. In the finest tradition of Olympic figure skating judging Doug and Steve have to calcualate the winner. In addition to some innovative (crazy?) scoring called 9-pin no-tap AND a handicap the results require hand tabulating.

We will probably make the award on Sunday with the other awards and Doug can claim that the delay in results was part of the plan.

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Today was a wonderful day at the Fest and it was only Thursday. There were some travel problems, but they all seemed to work out. After midnight when we got back from bowling, Carlson Chambliss was at the hotel. I had the pleasure of presenting him with the first copy of his new book. He had not seen it before now. He seemed quite pleased.

The hit of the day was the hotel keys!? Doug Bell in cooperation with the hotel staff arranged for the hotel magnetic keys to feature pictures of MPC! On top of that, they are all different! Everyone loves them. The major activity Friday during the day is a (sort of) traditional bourse. We have about 10 dealers as mentioned earlier. There are indications of some good attendance by visitors. I have had several calls from people who saw the notice in Bank Note Reporter or Numismatic News. They are always surprised that this is a Friday only bourse. I cannot blame them, but then again, the Fest is not a normal numismatic event. The Fest proper starts Friday night. Hopefully, Joe or someone will pick up with a report tomorrow. I doubt if I will have the energy.

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Mail Call

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Dear Gram,
The Master Sergeant Daniel has arrived at the MPC Fest at the Holiday Inn Express and is in room 228.

Howard A. Daniel III

Dear Gram,
Thanks for clearing that up. I'd like to have an MPC fivecenter for every one of those that I've liberated by putting them in the rectangular/round file over the years. I had always assumed that some clerk someplace with time on his hands was trying to justify his existence by punching the holes. We live and learn.

Richard@doric

Dear Editor,
Re: MPCGram 1432 special auction issue.BAD IDEA !! I can't open that file. I'm sure others are with me.

David Klinger,

Dear Editor,
I am sure you are busy with the Fest preparations. I wanted to notify you that the list (attached in Gram 1432) did not come out legibly.
Could you sent it out as a pdf file or some other

commonly read format?

Thanks and wish you a great time at the Fest.

Ken

Dear Editor,

Please enter the following bids in the Fest auction, whenever it is...

By the way I know you are not a coin person, but grades like, "very little wear" and "nice" probably don't do it.

Bill

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Fest Bourse

MPCFest starts this evening. The day was spent with the MPC bourse. A wide (very) array of material was offered for sale and activity was brisk. Most collectors seemed pleased to have found enough to tempt them. Research discoveries were also made. By the end of the day sixty-four Festers had arrived and were awaiting the start of the Fest proper. The

first event of the evening will be the traditional meal of Chinese food followed by the dedication of Camp Leo G. May, Jr.

After dinner the Festers move into the day room where introductions are made followed by pay call then round one of March Madness.

The pairings were announced today. The number one seeds in the four regions are Jack Hunter (defending champion), Jim Downey (past champion), Marcus Turner (first champion), and Ron Waddell who finished second last year.

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David Klinger

Dear Dave,

Wonderful. Thank you for your perseverance. Bids have been coming in via email and phone so it is working (Tom please try again or send an email). Today the hotel donated three room nights at the historic site of MPCFest to be sold at the auction as scholarship donations. The winner can come to Port Clinton to go fishing or even swimming in the winter. The vouchers will not be good for the MPC Fest, but there are no other restrictions. This is the only notice that you will receive of these additions. If you are interested send your bid and remember that 100% of the realization goes to the scholarship fund.

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Mericle Honored

The informal military money community honors
numismatists from time to time for extraordinary or
life-time service.
Marvin Mericle was honored at MPCFest VII for his
life-time of service to the hobby. Marvin has been
recognized as the inspiration that got many collectors
into MPC and military money.
The award was made at MPCFest by the selection
committee Larry Smulczenski, Niel Shafer and Joe
Boling.
Previous award winners are (in order) Elmer Smith,
Larry Smulczenski, Joe Boling and, Neil Shafer.

Downey, Feller Prevail

Jim Downey and Rachel Feller won exciting contests
to become champions of the Fest March Madness and Fest
poker tournament respectively on Saturday.
Jim Downey met Al Glaser in the finals of the
largest ever March Madness tournament. Sixty Festers
participated and 58 went down to defeat before Downey
and Glaser met in the finals. Of the 58 most belived
that they were eliminated only by the worst of bad

luck. Virtually everyone claimed that they knew the answer, but choked or suffered some other bad luck. Rachel Feller met her father in the preliminaries of March Madness then met him again in the poker tournament when she and Steve were the last two players. Third place finisher Al Galser was tank out by Rachel when she slow-played a set of three kings. She then beat dad with a straight.

Fest Commentaray

by Joe Boling

Another successful fest is over, with promises all around to repeat it - particularly among new festers. I don't think I heard a single expression of disappointment from any of them (whereas veterans always find something to grump about - such as the absence this year of travel pay). I heard the figure "60" bruited about as the attendance this year, a record I believe (although some individuals came late and others took leave in the middle to attend to such mundane tasks as going to work). The new champion of military money trivia is the first repeat champion, Jim Downey. The winner of the bowling tournament on Thursday night was Doug Bell, who is also the supplier of the trophy for that event - a series 541 \$5 note embedded in a sphere of Lucite that needs only to be drilled to become a bowling ball itself. The winner of the Texas hold-em poker tournament Saturday night was Rachel Feller, who took home a \$7000 fest bond for her skills (the runner-up was her father, Steve Feller - receiving a \$700 fest bond). At the conclusion of introductions Friday night, following the bourse, bells were rung and taps played for festers who have passed - Mike Cummings, Bob Kutcher, and Leo May. At the distribution of the official fest souvenir card Saturday night the text of the card, in the form of a corporate resolution, was read aloud by battalion clerk Fred Schwan. The resolution concluded with "Let it be known now and forever that the site where collectors gather for MPCFests shall be known as Camp Leo G. May, Jr." Also on Saturday, MFC series 051 was withdrawn and replaced by series 062, with notes based on "seven" and its multiples. However, after the disaster of the six-based denominations of series 051 (with which pay clerks had a very difficult time coping), series 062 notes are issued in attached multiples that together make up more easily counted amounts. For instance, the seven dollar note (bearing a portrait of Leo May) is attached to a smaller three dollar note, making a total of \$10 as long as the notes remain contiguous. Similarly, \$14 and \$1 notes are combined, as are \$21 and \$4 notes. A general theme of the series is Olympic sports, though a Daytona-style racing car decorates the \$14 note and some other apparently non-Olympic sports are also represented. A gorgeous sunset view of

the HQ building at Camp May adorns the \$10 note (a stand-alone denomination that does not have a minor note attached to it). Bob Kutcher is commemorated by an overprint on the \$14 note. There is also a \$0.50 note this year, the first time we have had fractional denominations in several years. Unless the series suffers early retirement, we can expect to see its notes appearing at official mini-fests this year and at the military money seminar in Colorado Springs in July. I have a comment about an article in a recent gram, but that will have to wait for my next filing.

Championship Question Corner

Question: suspended until after Fest recovery

Yesterday's questions: The answer is: see below

Comments from the field:

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Editorial

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By all counts, Fest participation passed 60 for the first time. I think that the most correct number is 61. This includes Judy and me, but not my brother Brad or his son David even though they now perform functions at the Fest. Of particular interest is the fact that my brother is starting to collect Fest notes. He has not been a collector since 1959 when he got me started in collecting. Neither does it include any of the wives who were not registered Festers or a few other visitors.

Some time in the past few weeks I discussed the possibility of limiting participation in Fests to 66 (or possibly some other number). A little detail of such a plan if implemented would be that registration for the first few months would be limited to Fester. We will have to give this some thought.

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Mail Call

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Dear Gram,
Another successful Fest as expected.

Neil

Dear Neil,
Thank you. I had a blast. Based upon experience, the next few days or weeks will be full of Fest commentary. That is a good thing, but if you do not want to have the Gram dominated by Fest news and commentary, you might consider sending in stories or letters about other things.

Editor

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Calendar

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2006

Feb 9-11, Long Beach, mini fest to be announced

Mar 3-5 MPCFest VII John Cheney\$\$, Harold Kroll, K & D
Freeland\$\$, Roger Urce, Pat Bethe, Karen Jach, Jack
Hunter (champ), G. W. Slade\$\$#, Larry 'Ski'
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Doug Bell, David Seelye, Bill Haines\$, Bill Myers#,
Nick S.\$\$ (smoke), Dave Hunsicker#\$, Al Glaser, Gary
Hicks, Adolf Witzke (smoke), John Cheney\$\$, Ron
Waddell, Rachel Feller, Ed Beaman\$\$, Carlson
Chambliss, Sam Feedback\$\$, Jim and Deborah* Crowe#\$\$,
Pia and Ray Bows#\$\$\$, Brett Irick\$\$, Neil Shafer\$,
James White#\$\$, George Cuhaj#\$\$, John Watta#\$,
anniversary couple Louise and Joe Boling\$, Steve
Feller, Ian and Bella Marshall, Wes Hardy, Rod Hardy,
Jack Lippincott\$\$, Jack Hobbs, Judy and Fred Schwan
Running totals: overall 51; new festers 10. \$ paid, \$\$
paid single, # new Fester, *special services
auxiliary. Single occupancy registration is \$198,
double is \$148. Remember, this includes, room board
and participation. Payment may be sent to Fred Schwan,
132 E. Second Street, Port Clinton, OH 43452 or you
may use PayPal (fredschwan@yahoo.com). Extra nights
are a little difficult to explain. The bottom line is
that they are \$44 per room. It is complicated because
roommates do not necessarily arrive and/or depart on
the same day. The address for the hotel in case you
are using mapquest or something like that is 50 NE
Catawba Road, Port Clinton, Ohio 43452.

Honor Roll: Mike Cummings, Robert Kutcher, Leo May.

Fest Training Schedule, version 2

Thursday 2 March

0800-1900 hotel registration individuals Kim
0830-0900 breakfast @ Holiday Inn all personnel Kim
0930-1700 Bourse preparations select personnel David
1900-2100 bourse banquet @ Big Boppers all available
Judy, Ken
2100-2300 1st annual bowling championship all
available Doug, Steve
2400- bull session/swap meet all available Ski

Friday 3 March

0800-1900 hotel registration individuals Kim
0830-0900 breakfast @ Holiday Inn all personnel Kim
0830-1100 bourse set up select personnel David
1050 bourse and Fest registration open all personnel
Loretta
1100-1800 bourse all available David
auction submission/viewing all interested Ski
1730-1900 new Fester training new Festers Doug, Marcus

1800-1930 chow all personnel Judy
1900-1930 exhibits installed exhibitors Joe
2000-2030 pay call by company paymasters
2200-2300 March madness round 1& 2 all personnel
Wendell
2300-2330 bull session by company 1SGs
2330 exhibits must be removed exhibitors Joe
2331 FPO, px, canteen closed interested personnel
Dick, Roger
0045 lights out by company 1SGs

Saturday 4 March

0400-0600 10k run, 3k swim (ice permitting) all
personnel 1SG
0730-0830 chow all personnel Kim
0830-0845 bn picture mess hall hardies
0845-0915 autograph party all personnel Ski
0915-1100 show n tell all personnel 1SG
1100-1230 March Madness all personnel Wendell
1245-1315 chow all personnel Judy
1315-1630 show n tell all personnel 1SG
1630-1830 show n tell all personnel 1SG
1830-1930 chow all personnel Judy
1830-1930 bond drive IV interested collectors Warner
1930-2030 March Madness finals all personnel Wendell
2030-2100 Texas Holdem training interested personnel
brad
2100-2400 RVN poker game reenactment all personnel
Nick
2100-2400 auction lot viewing (concurrent) all
personnel Ski
2400 snacks, mess hall interested personnel Judy
0045 lights out by company 1SGs

Sunday 5 March

0400-0600 10k run, 3k swim (ice permitting) all
personnel 1SG
0700-0745 sick call (by appointment) all sickies Drs
T&M
0730-0800 chow all personnel Kim
0700-0730 destruction of obsolete MFC select personnel
Bill
0730-0830 auction lot viewing optional Ski
0830-0845 awards all personnel 1SGs
0845-1130 auction all personnel Ski
1130-1230 police call and early departures select
personnel Sparky
1230-1315 chow all personnel Judy
1315-1500 local field trip interested personnel Fred
1500-1800 break camp and police call volunteers Harold
1830- chow at Crows Nest interested personnel Robert

Monday 6 March

0700-0730 breakfast Holiday Inn Kim
0730 field trip departure to AF Museum, Dayton, OH
select personnel TBA
1845 return from field trip

1900 local poker game (FRNs required) select personnel

Tuesday 7 March
0830-0900 breakfast Holiday Inn Kim
0900- R & R

Wednesday 8 March
0830-0900 breakfast Holiday Inn Kim
1000 departure for CPMX

Coordinating instructions:

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Remarks: Saturday poker game will be a Texas holdem tournament with \$25MFC buy in, first place \$6000 Fest bond (and championship bracelet with unique silver medal), \$600 Fest bond (and unique bronze medal), third place \$600 Fest bond. Concurrently will be dealers choice poker tables.

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7-9 April ANA convention, Atlanta

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June 1-3 Long Beach, mini fest to be announced

16-18 June Memphis

1-14 July ANA summer seminar

16-20 August ANA convention, Denver

September 14th-16th, Long Beach, mini fest to be

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Fest Report

Roger Urce

Friday evening began with the introductions after which the Fest Post Office was introduced and opened for the first time. Envelopes had been prepared with an imprinting of a War Bonds poster and a newly designed fifty cent Fest postage stamp featuring Leo May. Click the link for an image of the stamp. Stamped "First Day of Issue" and cancelled with a Port Clinton "postmark" the envelopes were offered at two dollars MFC each. Also available were serialized sheets of 24 stamps at \$12 MFC. The position of Fest Postal Officer was also created to continue with future stamp projects. (Look for another issue, this time with serialized envelopes, at the Memphis m2c2 meeting in June). The first round of March Madness began with Al Glaser offering a listing of questions and answers from previous grams at a cost of \$6 MFC each. His offer came back to bite him when he missed a previously answered Gram question, but he did redeem himself (see madness results later on).

Saturday's educational forum had a number of speakers on varied and interesting topics starting with Ski's photographs and lecture on his trip to Fanning Island. He explained that the island is now used just as a tourist stop for the cruise lines, but during WW2 it was an important base that had to be defended from the enemy to prevent the destruction of the cable line that passed over the island on its route between Australia and Canada. At that time there was also a plantation on the island but over time all the buildings, save the concrete walls, had been destroyed by termites. The theatre which used one half of the original Fanning Island notes as tickets was no longer there, but a trip to the men's

room put you in the same "position" as movie goers during the war. Alas, no notes were found.

Steve Feller, assisted by daughter Rachael, presented photos and commentary on the German occupation of the islands of Guernsey and Jersey located just off the French coast of Normandy. The islands, which are self governing, endured a stern occupation force forcing the residents to turn in their existing notes in favor of occupation notes issued by Germany. The notes, prior to being surrendered, were counterstamped to avoid their use after the war. Notes were then issued by both Jersey and Guernsey for use during the occupation. Steve was able to visit museums on both islands and to talk with local residents at length about the notes and occupation. He did manage to bring back some occupation notes along with some current issues. His photographs of current conditions was shown in conjunction with

propaganda photos from the wartime occupation.

Other presenters included Pat Bethe who spoke of Chief Ouray and passed around an intaglio print featuring the chief along with a post office cancellation of a fantasy Ouray stamp; Steve Swoish delivered custom made pages and binders to hold AFEE's Pogs which had been previously ordered. The two

binder set, which is expandable, will hold all current and an upcoming Pogs issued; new fester Jim Crowe had with him a binder containing a number of Christmas and holiday menus from various military units and said he had just purchased the 1941 Thanksgiving day menu for the USS Arizona BB39.

Ray Bows, who along with his wife Pia are also first time festers, had displayed his collection of unit pins and patches along with various tokens and chits not only from Viet Nam, but from earlier conflicts. His education presentation dealt with a number of series of gasoline coupons used by SHAPE personnel in Europe. Ray had copies and photos of the coupons and related items used during his assignments to that command. An indepth discussion regarding the court cases both in the Philippines and the United States concerning the post war status of Japanese Philippine JIM was presented by Jim Downey. He explained how the courts

had upheld the use of JIM as legal tender during the Japanese occupation and why the currency could not be redeemed after the war despite the suits brought by JAWANCAP.

To be continued.....

Breaking News.....

from Ed Beaman

It Has Been Reported That A Group Of Festers Had A Run In, With The Ohio Law. The Details Have Solidified, But It Appears #22 Was Shot By #22 Doing 71...??

Like I Said...It Is Still A Bit Unclear....Reports Are Still Comming In....Many Details To Follow....Film At 11:00.

Championship Question Corner

Question: suspended until after Fest recovery

Yesterday's questions: The answer is: see below

Comments from the field:

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Editorial

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It is Tuesday evening. We are winding down at Fest HQ, but still not done. Five out of town Festers are still here. They are all waiting to go to Chicago in a few days. That too should be a good time. Jim Downey displayed a Leo May commemorative for distribution by him at CPMX. I am not sure at what meeting it will be distributed, but receiving one of them should make a trip to the show worthwhile. At the Fest he offered these to people who were not going to Chicago at \$5 each for the scholarship fund. I expect that he will honor that same offer now.

Roger Urce is one of the stay behind Chicago bound Festers. We are thankful for his wonderful report and look forward to part two tomorrow. Other reports are coming in. We appreciate each and every one and expect to publish them all so send us your thoughts.

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Mail Call

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Dear Gram,

I had an amazing time at the MPC Fest held at Port Clinton, Ohio. I had never dreamed that I would be able to find a group of such amazing people that also had the same interests as I do. When Bill Yanchick told me about it last year I wanted to go, but due to lack of funding and worried parrents I did not have the chance. This year, three days before the Fest Bill said to me, "While I'm gone I want you to keep an eye on the place." I told him that I wish that I would

could go along with him one of these days. He told me to go this year, I had believed that it was too late. Now that it is over and I am aware of the amazing experiences that I can have with a group of people that I have never met before in my life, I know that I will return for many years to come. I really hope that this message can get passed on to everyone that attended MPC Fest VII because, without all of those amazing people I would most likely have been lost and not enjoyed my time in Port Clinton. Just the time that I spent listening to their stories of past wars and conflicts, and being in the presence of many of the men who have given me the many freedoms that I now possess made all the difference. I had never dreamed that I would feel like family with a group of 60 strangers. You all have no idea how much all of your gifts to me mean. I have already placed all of the MPC and other items in albums, holders, and on my bedroom shelves. I plan to get more and more involved in this area of numismatics as long as my mom allows me to leave house more often (haha). My name is Miles Cole. I am sixteen years old and I am now adicted to MPC! Thank you all for everything.

"Give it to Miles!!"
That was the most fun that I have ever had in my entire life.

Miles

Dear Editor,

I am not sure if other attendees were as disappointed as I was with Fest VII but thought I should speak out to offset all the praise I am sure will be flowing through the Gram. First, I was disappointed that no one challenged me when I arrived (I had my coin ready) and when I challenged a group of Festers, they all had theirs. This Fest was no different than the last one - I was disappointed in not having sufficient funds to buy out the Bourse. Hundreds (thousands) of great MPC and WWII related items for sale.

I was disappointed with the "show & tell" and exhibits, since no one had extras for handouts. (Actually I was disappointed that I was not the one finding these treasures - some are one of only a few known, things you would not see anywhere else). I was disappointed that I do not know the right words to say when meeting someone like Valerie May . That was a great pleasure.

I was disappointed with the food because I had to eat my pizza during the "Bomb Blast" presentation. (However, if I had not eaten so much, I would have been finished in time).

I was disappointed that I did not go further in "March Madness." (However, I think I did answer more

questions this time - there was just a lot of people entered, and some of these guys/gals just know too much - so losing is nothing to be ashamed of). The silver medal all participants receive is nice compensation. I was disappointed in being knocked out of the "Texas Hold-em" tournament early (but it was to the eventual runner-up, who hit a pair of Aces on the river card).

I was disappointed that I could not win more of the auction lots. (However, the Prices Realized make the consignors (I am one) happy).

But my major disappointment was that it did not last long enough. I did not get to talk to everyone and I know I missed seeing some great items. Most Festers brought items and I saw some very nice Canadian War Saving certificates and related stamps and promotional items (Dan Freeland and Dick Dunn). I was able to talk extensively with a WWII Navy veteran (Robert Stevenson) about his experiences and his great material on Naval operations. Larry Smulczenski always has great stuff to show and talk about. Jack Hunter had just found some previously unknown validation stickers for foreign bonds. I am sure that if I knew what was there that I did not see, I would really be disappointed. If you have questions about MPC or WWII you can probably find the answer (and more) at the Fest. It amazes me when I hear comments like "we do not know everything about this" from guys like Fred, Joe, Larry, Harold, Neil, Jim, Carlson, David, just to name a few. I think they do. One thing I was not disappointed with was the accommodations (Camp Leo May Jr) and the service (Holiday Inn Express staff). I was not disappointed with all the "freebies" given out but was somewhat disappointed with the pay, in that they all weren't #1, 2, 7 serial numbers. Regardless Fred, you and your volunteers did a great job. I guess you should sign me up for Fest VIII.

To all of you who are staying and going to CPMX, have a great trip.

Take Care,

Ron

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Fest report, part 2

by Roger Urce

Another topic dealing with the Reichslotteries of 1939 through 1945 was presented by Wendel Wolka, Harold Kroll and Ski. Harold went on to explain that there were thirteen lotteries each consisting of five classes. Each of the five classes was represented by a lottery ticket and all tickets bore the same serial number and were differentiated by different prefix numbers. In order to advance to the next class, purchasers had to win the previous class. These lotteries were used to finance the war. There were two classes of notes that were not printed because of lack of paper and the fifth class of the eleventh lottery was not printed because the paper plant had been destroyed during an Allied bombing raid. The 13th lottery was started just two weeks before war's end in Europe. There is a lot more information yet to be learned and the research is ongoing. Wendell calculated that in order to obtain a complete set of tickets, by lottery, class and vendor over one quarter million tickets were needed. Harold said he would try to complete the set.

Our final speaker was Robert Stevenson, an honored guest and new Fester. Bob served on the World War 2 battleship USS Indiana. He spoke in detail and with incredible memory of his experiences in the Pacific and brought with him a cruise book from the Indiana along with some photographs and letters he had sent home. The Indiana participated in many operations prior to

the individual landings on a number of Pacific islands, most notably Iwo Jima. Bob, self described as a sailor surrounded by Army guys, was an instant hit and a delight to talk to. He promises to return for Fest VIII and bring additional items for show and tell.

Saturday evening saw the final rounds of March madness with questions that proved to be more challenging. (Who knew Lady Laverly's first name was Hazel?) The final four came down to our own Master Sergeant, Howard Daniel against former champ Jim Downey and Al (what kind of animal is a Ba Maw?) Glaser versus current champion Jack Hunter. After some difficult questions and lead changes, it came down to Downey vs. Glaser. It was a tough battle, but Jim Downey prevailed and became the first Fester to repeat as champion.

The final event of Saturday night was the annual Texas holdum poker tournament. With a \$25 MFC buy in player could vie for the top prize of a \$7000 Fest bond. After all the smoke had cleared, Rachael Feller outplayed all the boys and walked away with the bond.

On Sunday, the Fest auction was held with over 150 lots offered. A number of lots were donations with proceeds going to the scholarship fund. Items such as savings bonds, OPA tokens, MPC replacement notes and other military items were offered. Two of the more unusual items included two cans of MRE's (Beef and Tuna) currently in use by Japanese forces in the Middle East and a pair of socks and tee shirt featuring the well known poster likeness of Rosie the Riveter. Both were sold and we could ask Bill Yanchek if the Tuna was sushi grade. There were two AMC specimen books offered, one from Italy and one from Germany, both of which were sold and were the high ticket items in the auction. Overall total sales were \$9700 with about \$2600 going to the fund.

Championship Question Corner

Question: 90 Winston Churchill received the Order of Liberation from what country? Bonus points: who presented the medal? #90 difficulty 3. A vignette of Justice appears on an E A Wright note for what country and in what denomination? #91 difficulty 3.

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Editorial

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The past week really sneaked past. Thanks to Roger, I had it about done, but did not put the finishing touches on it and then a week had passed. We will try to get back on schedule(?). Indeed we have some surprises along that line to be announced later this week.

Along with the praise for the Fest that continues to come in are some (anonymous) complaints received via the IG (inspector general). I need to comment on the three that were passed to me in a more or less serious

way.

You know that I like to do reenactments as part of the overall training plan. Both the MPCFest and summer seminar are full of reenactments--planned and otherwise. So, we have a new reenactment in action. As you can tell from the above comments the troops were grumbling. Great. We have another reenactment.

The first two are real easy. Extra nights in the hotel are charged at a rate of \$44 per night per room. If two people share the room it is \$22 each. I believe this is stated in the Gram leading up to the Fest. The problem comes because it is difficult to predict exactly who will have a roommate and who will not. We try to figure it out but do make mistakes. So, if you were charged \$44 for an extra night, you are due a refund. Speak up please.

There was a complaint that Fest HQ was not living up to promises made about awards etc. Although I did not actually check on the only specific example, it was mentioned at the Fest. Specifically, we reported in the Gram (according to reports given to me at the Fest) that we had announced that the poker champion would receive a bracelet ala the World Series of Poker. I had indeed thought about that in addition to the generous bond awards (\$7000MFC bond for first place). I did not remember reporting it in the Gram, but apparently did. When I priced the bracelets, I was shocked at the prices and put off a decision until it was too late. When it was pointed out to me at the Fest (in a public forum), I responded that in that case we would indeed honor that (since I wanted to anyway, but had not solved the solvency issue) and will. Fest HQ owes Ray Feller a champion's bracelet. Ah, I have just figured out the solvency issue--if I win the poker tournament every year we can save the bucks!

Apparently some Festers were upset that the canteen officer and his charming assistant were making the Festers sign their chit books in order to purchase beverages.

The booklet clearly states that it must be signed to be valid. OK, so that is sort of a bureaucratic answer. Folks, I have to admit that I do not really understand this one. Everyone had two chit books and the opportunity to purchase more. The book from which chits were being torn was being defaced by the removal. If I am missing something here, please tell me.

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Mail Call

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Dear Gram,

Congratulations on the completion of another successful Fest. I hope to be able to make it there some year before too long.

We have some excellent World War II items in our current World Sale #7, which ends on March 20. Lots

can be seen and bids made at the
www.lkcaworldpapermoney.com website.

The very first lot of the sale is an Austria Allied Military Currency booklet of nine pieces produced in Europe, clear because the booklet does not contain the American-made 25 Schilling. Denominations are the 50 Groschen; 1; 2; 5; 10; 20; 50; 100; and 1000 Schilling (#102b; 103b; 104b; 105; 106; 107; 109; 110a; 111). Such booklets are seldom offered.

Other impressive pieces from World War II include LOTS 31 and 32: highly elusive and historic Camp Hay 6 Pence and 1 Shilling (#SB 551b/C 1212b; SB 552a/C 1213a). LOT 396, the Netherlands Ministerie van Oorlog complete three piece set (#M1-M3), including the very difficult 5 Gulden, is an important offering (also see LOT 397). Higher denominations from Denmark's Royal Danish Ministry of War in LOT 175 are not generally offered; we have the complete set. The Dachau 3 Mark in LOT 218 is rarely seen. Finally, LOTS 237-245 contain a splendid selection from Great Britain's British Military Authority and well underrated NAAFI lot (also see propaganda note at end of this section). French NAAFI tokens can be found in LOT 208.

Here are still more items contained in World War II Remembered or that are military related: LOT 3, Albania scarce circulating checks; LOTS 44-48, Belgian Army pieces including the elusive 100 Francs; LOT 116, difficult Chinese Military Payment Certificates; LOT 165, Croatia St. Gradiska World War II meal card; LOT 202, attractive France 500 Francs with tricolor; LOT 219, German unlisted Litzmannstadt-Kasinobon 50 Pfennig used at a gambling casino by the Gestapo; LOT 282, tough India camp 1 Rupee from Bangalore; LOT 303, Iraq scarce 1/4 Dinar made in India; Italy, LOTS 318-320 two AMC replacements and a seldom offered set from Campo Concentramento P. G. 59; LOTS 342 and 343, two Libyan Tripolitania groups, now in demand; LOT 481, Surinam 5 Gulden in quality condition for type; LOTS 497-504, United States POW chits and MPC offerings; and LOT 517, mixed chits from Vietnam. Please contact me at grbaypa@aol.com if there are any questions-thank you.

Joel Shafer

Dear Gram,

I am wondering if my subscription has expired. My last MPC GRAM was #1436 dated 7 March. I know you may be relaxing after an obviously successful and busy Fest, but I miss it.

Bill

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Fest Report

By Al Glaser

Well another successful Fest has come and gone. Without a doubt the one numismatic event I look forward to and prepare for more than any other.

Yes it is true I made it to the finals of the March madness tournament, no one was more surprised then me. I had faithfully copied the Fest questions throughout the year and printed copies of the tome which I tried to sell for 6MFC at the bourse on Friday. This was met with very limited support and sales were miserable. Since I was one of only a few to read the questions, I had a lot of success in the opening rounds. Once the

finals began they decided to use questions fitting a final. I sat there like a deer in the headlights not being able to answer a single question. Some thought I was choking under the pressure, most knew it was they hadn't "dumbed up" the questions enough to give me a chance. As luck would have it, a couple of questions were asked on a subject I had a limited amount of knowledge and guessed a couple right to keep it interesting. However in the end Jim Downey prevailed and should be congratulated on his knowledge of military numismatics and that he is the first repeat champion.

On to something I know a little more about, MFC.

Saturday a new issue of MFC series 062 was introduced. 062? This was a first at Fest. What happened to 061? Since it is impossible to obtain any records or information on MFC production from headquarters, the most logical assumption is due to the recent passing of original fester May, production of series 061 was halted or destroyed and new designs for series 062 depicting Leo were produced.

Also a first were combination denomination notes.

Four combination notes were produced using the 062 series. A 5MFC combination note consisted of a 3MFC (long variety) & 2MFC. A 10MFC had the 7MFC & 3MFC values. A 15MFC had the 14MFC & 1MFC, and a 25MFC value combined a 21MFC with a 4MFC. Stand alone denominations were the 1/2MFC, 3MFC (short variety), 10MFC and 35MFC. Those of you who might have received any error notes or unusual anomalies, please make sure you get me the information for listing in the book. On aside note, do yourself a favor and do not get into a Texas hold-um game with the Fellers. Steve the father will tend to slow play you just a little bit giving you a false sense of security while his sweet little daughter Rachel drops the hammer on you. I want to congratulate both of them and thank them for the playing lesson. Thanks to Fred, his staff and the incredible employees at the Holiday Internment camp I had another fabulous time. As I have said in the past.
Any time...Anywhere.

Post Fest Field Trips

by Roger Urce

This year's Sunday field trip was to Camp Perry, located just down the road from Headquarters. During WW2 the camp was used to house German and Italian prisoners. Those of us who made the trip saw the huts, most of which were falling into disrepair, used to house the prisoners and other areas of the camp which housed the guards and administrative staff. On display were a number of military vehicles including WW2 era tanks, Viet Nam era helicopters and a cold war missile. A featured display item was a forty and eight box car from France. The car's initial use was to carry either 40 soldiers or 8 horses, but during

war it carried other war necessities and was also used to carry prisoners of war to the camps and civilians to concentration camps. The particular car on display was one which contained gifts from the French people presented each of the 48 states in appreciation of the gifts and assistance provided France during the war.

On Monday, six of us made the three hour drive to Dayton to visit Wright-Patterson Air Force base and the Air Force museum. On display in three huge hangars were aircraft from the Wright Brothers flyer to the B2 bomber and ballistic missiles. The aircraft were grouped chronologically and restored by the museum. A two and a half hour tour took us from the beginnings of military flight up to aircraft currently in use in the Middle East. The World War 2 B-17s, B24s and B29s were all there restored to the last detail as were the dive bombers and fighter aircraft from both the Allied and Axis countries. The many wall displays provided information about various conflicts and individuals, aces and medal of honor winners. Displays also included individual items used/worn by pilots including a couple of short snorters. One aircraft of particular note is the actual Cessna 01E "Bird Dog" used in Viet Nam by Larry Smulczewski.

Championship Question Corner

Question: How many fractional MPC in a full unit?
Question 92, difficulty 1. In what state was the Forbes Lithograph Corporation located? Question 93, difficulty 1.

Yesterday's Question: Winston Churchill received the Order of Liberation from what country? Bonus points: who presented the medal? #90 difficulty 3. A vignette of Justice appears on an E A Wright note for what country and in what denomination? #91 difficulty 3.

Answer: see comments below

Comments from the field: Bill Myers and Jim Downey wrote correctly: Order of Liberation awarded to Winston Churchill by France, presented by Charles de Gaulle.

Question 91: French Guiana 5 franc note.

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Editorial

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Reinforce the appropriate behavior. What a concept. Many of you know that I believe in this approach to life and leadership. An example that I have encouraged is awarding summer seminar scholarships to best of show winners at the annual ANA convention and other events. Several numismatic organizations do this and I had a part in at least one of them doing it (good for me, grin). I learned a new and good one today. A few of you know that Judy collects love tokens. In spite of generally claiming not to be a numismatist,

she has worked on her collection for many years. (She is also a 25+ year ANA member.) Yesterday she talked to Sid Gale the president of the Love Token Society (by the way Sid is a former MPC collector and he had never even heard of MPC Fest, but that is a story for another time). Judy learned that because she exhibited love tokens at the ANA convention that here annual dues in the society are waived! Now that is reinforcing appropriate behavior. I love it. I guess for exhibiting MPC at ANY show or convention we can award a one year subscription to the MPCGram! Ok, that is not so great. Still, they have a wonderful idea there. I am sure that there are ways that we can copy it!

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Thanks Guy

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Life in a POW Camp

by Bill Myers

The Sunday field trip to Camp Perry at the Fest reminded me of one of my military exercises. I had joined the Army Reserves in 1987 and in 1989, for my two week annual training, I elected to take C4 (Combat Casualty Care Course). It was a course on how to deliver medical care in a combat environment. Little did I know at that time that I would use those skills 15 years later in Iraq. When I arrived in San Antonio, TX I was bused to Camp Bullis. I stayed in barracks for two days then went to the field for 10 days and then back to the barracks. The barracks I stayed in were very similar the POW quarters I saw at Camp Perry. The Camp Bullis barracks were small white wooden buildings on cement slabs. There was a front and back door, a non-functional pot bellied stove and the windows were rectangular holes in the wall covered with screen with a wooden shutter

that could be lifted to let in light and air. The room light was provided by two bare light bulbs hanging on wires in the middle of the room. The latrine was at the bottom of the hill. The reason that the barracks at Camp Bullis and Camp Perry are so similar is that they were both POW quarters for WWII. I guess their thinking was that if they were good enough for POWs in the 1940's, they are good enough for Reservist in the 1980's. Actually they did not look too bad after spending 10 days in the field. I have stayed in barracks at some posts that were in worse condition than the POW barracks at Camp Bullis. My first MPC Fest was a great experience and I enjoyed it. I have already registered for the Advanced Military Numismatics course at the ANA in July this year. I presented the items I obtained from the Fest to my local coin club for show & tell. I had to show them there was a good reason why a Georgian would travel north in March. *****

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Question: What was Ireland's status during World War II? Question 94, difficulty 1. Were were Central Bank of Ireland Notes and Irish Currency Commission notes printed during World War II, what special marks were added to the notes and why? Question 95, difficulty 2.

Yesterday's Question: How many fractional MPC in a full unit? Question 92, difficulty 1. In what state was the Forbes Lithograph Corporation located? Question 93, difficulty 1.

Answer: see comments below

Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote: Question 92. 8000 sheets x 84 fractionals per sheet = 672,000 Question 92 Forbes is located in Chelsea, Massachusetts

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Editorial

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I am excited to share some news with you that is important to the health of your Gram. Thurski is coming back AND Jim Downey is starting a column that will run on Mondays. Add to this important news that Roger Urces is going to start writing regularly and there is joy at HQ!

Now for the bad news. Thurski is coming back only when we solve the riddle of getting graphics into the Gram. He knows that it can be done because he ads them to his emails all the time. I know that it can be done because I sometimes receive emails with nice graphics integrated into the text. Here is where you come in. Someone out there knows how to solve this riddle. If you can figure out how to do this for the Gram, you get double duty because it will improve the Gram and get Thruski back to the keyboard.

Actually, Ski only promised to do every other week. This is where I think that we can get Roger to do the alternate weeks until we really get him going. This is really important stuff. With Jim on Monday, old reliable Joe on Tue and Ski or Roger and Ski on Thursday, the content quality of the Gram should go way up, AND it will be much easier to get Grams out reliably. The hardest part of publishing the Gram is having worthwhile lead stories and having three days locked in guarantees successful weeks.

I think that a few others (read Daniel and Klinger--not to name names) could collaborate to fill another day and we will have a prize winning publication.

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Mail Call

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Dear Gramsters,

I am deeply moved by young Miles' article (Gram #1436) about the Fest! Although I didn't go. (don't like flying) I still enjoy the Gram and all that I have learned and experienced from those I have met within our clique (club?). It sure is nice to see a young new collector get the "bug" to collect. I hope we all help him get a good start. We NEED more young numismatists to become the caretakers our collections and knowledge. Thanks Miles for your fine article!
Guy Araby collector / dealer 45 years (MPC addict! 10 years)

Dear Gram,

The Fest is featured in the Numismatic News electronic version. Miles Cole and David Seelyed are pictured in the report.

Here is the link:

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Fest Auction Report

by Larry Smulczenski

The Fest Auction was again a tremendous success, finding new homes for a lot of notes, providing a nice boost to the scholarship fund and a morning of fun and laughs for the participating Festers. The total sale garnered \$9725.00, of which \$2596.00 benefited the

scholarship fund. One hundred thirty-five of the 155 lots sold, some of the remaining lots will be offered soon in the Gram PX/BX section for those that missed the initial opportunity. Check them out as they could be wonderful additions to your collection. A couple of lots at the end of the auction drew

some of the most exciting action. I indicated that I would not accept any late lots, but the chance to earn significant money for the scholarship fund made me relent. A donation of about two dozen posters illustrating Navy uniforms throughout history brought spirited bidding and was hammered down for \$325. A second group of World War II posters brought another \$125. A very generous donation of three certificates, each good for one nights lodging at the Port Clinton Holiday Inn Express anytime during the next 14 months donated by Manager Kim Bartish brought in another \$150. Our guest speaker, Rob Stevenson donated a letter he wrote to his mother just before the invasion of Japan and it sold for \$65. Additionally a bag full of jerky, one of Leo May's Junk Boxes, the preliminary documentation produced in preparation of the new Chambliss Book and some sheets of Chambliss banknotes brought in another \$225. Finally, many of the festers got together to pitch in a total of \$530 to shave off Fred's scraggly beard as the finale to the days event.

I sincerely want to thank all the consigners, donors, the bidders and especially my helpers, Kathy, Dan, Marv, Roger and Miles. Without your assistance, the auction would never have happened.

Auction results.

1 \$50 53 16 105 20
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41 1500 93 80 145 5
42 23 94 30 146 ns
43 26 95 8 147 90
44 5 96 1400 148 55
45 20 97 7 149 100
46 55 98 ns 150 30
47 ns 99 27 151 30
48 10 100 ns 152 8
49 8 101 50 153 120
50 10 102 130 154 180
51 20 103 ns 155 12
52 10 104 28

ns-not sold wd-with drawn

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Question 96. What numismatic issue was a direct result of the overdraft?

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Answer: see comments below

Comments from the field: Bill Myers correctly wrote:
Question 94: Ireland was neutral during WW II Question 95: Central Bank of Ireland Notes and Irish Currency Commission notes were printed in England and had a letter in a circle in various colors on the face so that if any fell into enemy hands as they were shipped across the Irish Sea they could be repudiated.

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Editorial

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This morning I went to a small area coin (and stamp) show. Small is the operative word. The only reason that I did not spend more on parking than in the bourse is that parking was free so I spent zero. I can

hardly believe it.

Actually, one guy had a little bit of MPC. He had a VG 692 \$1 that I considered buying, but in the final analysis passed. This means that MPC was about 50% of ALL paper money at the event! From that point of view I should go back!

Even though it was small and not much of interest, I must make one, make that two, comments. Walkers were very much in use. On a brighter note, At the opening at 0930 there were many customers in the hall. I was most surprised that many collectors had various forms of want lists that they were actively checking, marking and revising. From that aspect I thought that I was back in the 1960s (although I only attended one show in the 1960s (unfortunately)).

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Dear Gram,

Regarding the complaint of missing issues: 1434 was used twice (3 and 5 March) and there was no 1435.

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Currency Control Coupons for Germany

by Jim Downey

Most MPC collectors are familiar with the currency control coupons that were used by Thai and South Korean troops in Viet Nam. In addition to MPC, each soldier was also given coupons in an amount equivalent to the amount of pay. The coupons were necessary for purchases at official establishments or exchange into their own currency. The purpose of the coupons was to limit the amount of money that these people could spend or exchange. Even if they participated in black market activities or other unsanctioned activities, they would never be able to spend or exchange more than their pay amounts because of the limitation on the amount of coupons they possessed.

A recent discovery has revealed that this was not the first time that the United States used currency control coupons overseas. The July 15, 1946 edition of the Weekly Bulletin published by the Office of the Military Governor - United States (OMGUS) contains a brief article which indicates currency control coupons

were introduced in the US Sector of Berlin in July 1946. According to the article, the purpose of the coupons is to prevent Allied Military marks that were procured from sources other than legitimate from being converted into dollar instruments and thereby causing a drain on the financial resources of the United States. The coupons were used in conjunction with the Currency Control Books which were introduced earlier. At this time US personnel in Germany were paid in Allied Military marks. The coupons were issued in books of 5, 10 and 20 dollars by the finance office of each unit. When an individual made a purchase at an official establishment (PX, mess, snack bar, etc.), the coupon book was presented along with the marks for the purchase. The dollar equivalent of coupons was removed by the merchant from the books to validate the marks used for the purchase.

A reference in a publication put out in late 1946 by the Office of the Chief Historian, European Command called The First Year also discussed the currency control coupons in Berlin. This document also indicated that currency control coupons were also used in the Munich area at the same time. The Munich experience did not have very good results because of the proximity of installations that were not using the coupon system. According to the article in The First Year, the main disadvantage of the coupon system was the labor involved in processing and accounting for the coupons. The article notes that the amount of labor needed for the coupons was almost that needed for accounting for cash. The final comment indicates that this was the main reason for not instituting this system in the entire European Theater.

The coupon system was retired with the introduction of MPC in the European Theater in September 1946. The significance of this information is that it provides the missing piece of the development of MPC and currency control. It indicates the existence of an otherwise unknown numismatic collectable US dollar currency control coupons for Germany. The fact that coupons were used in two locations,

Berlin and Munich, may also suggest that there are at least two different varieties of the coupons. The rarity of any existing coupons would be extraordinary considering that they were only used in a limited area and for an extremely short period of time.

Unfortunately, no examples of the coupons are depicted in any of the sources, so very little is known about them. Where were they printed? What did they look like? Did they have serial numbers? What were the denominations? Too many questions, not enough information.

The answers to these questions might be found in the records at the National Archives or other repository of information. Hopefully, some of the answers can be found in a scrapbook or dealer's junk box!

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Answer: see comments below

Comments from the field: Bill Myers Jack Hunter and Jim (Champ) Downey correctly wrote: that the largest overdraft was in Germany and that the overdraft generated the MPC system.

Editorial

Wow, is Jim Downey's first column a zinger or what?! Amazing. It is not every day that we learn of a new type of issue that we did not know existed. Sure, we find little varieties every now and then, rarely a new signature, and very rarely a new denomination or series. We know that every five years or so we find a replacement that was not previously known, but this discovery by JIM is in a category about by itself--a new type of note! It is also extremely rare for us to have documentary evidence for a note (in this case series and possibly multiple series) without ever seeing or even hearing a rumor of one. Jim has me so excited that I can hardly wait till next week!

Mail Call

Dear Gram,
Sorry I have not emailed sooner but I had lot of catching up to do. First of all I would like to thank you and the Boss for having me and Cathie at the fest it was one of the best conventions I have ever been at. I have already invited a few Canadians to come down next year. I will have to work my butt off and get some more material to bring down with me next year. After I came back I remembered I had some War Ration cheques from the Royal Bank of Canada I will attach a scan of 2 of them and see if they would fit into your book if so I have about 9 different ones I will send and you can decide if they fit in. Cathie asks you to thank Judy for driving her around so much she really enjoyed Port Clinton I think I would be a nice place to visit in the summertime. I am just getting everything ready for the C.N.A. convention in Niagara Falls this year as I am the Bourse Chairman and I am a little behind.

Regards

Dick Dunn

Dear Dick,

We were certainly pleased to have you at the Fest and are especially happy that you had a good time! We look forward to you bringing an entire squad next year!

Are you planning a mini Fest for the CNA?

Editor

{private aside to Dick--you really need to work on your bowling (grin)}

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Clarifications

by Joe Boling

We have a duke's mixture of items this week.

In gram 1431 Ray Czahor says he does not believe the holed Philippine JIM are Red Cross products, then goes on to describe two souvenir booklets that have passed through his hands, but does not say why he does not believe the RC story, nor show any connection between his souvenir booklets and the Red Cross. Ray, tell us more - what's the connection between the booklets and the Red Cross story, and why don't you believe that the RC doughnut dollies were punching holes in JIM?

In gram 1436 Roger Urce, in his fest report, talks of Steve Feller's peregrinations in the Channel Islands. Describing the Bank of England notes that were overprinted WITHDRAWN FROM CIRCULATION SEPTEMBER 18TH 1941, he says that "the notes, prior to being surrendered, were counterstamped to avoid their use after the war." Close - but the Germans wanted to use them immediately, and the Channel Islanders thwarted them by overprinting the notes so that they could not be used as foreign exchange DURING the war. (One of the uses of Operation Bernhard notes was to buy war material in the open market, where pounds were more usable than Reichsmarks). Here's a new quiz question - what is Len Buckley (designer of MPC series 692) doing today? He has left the BEP and, among other things, he is a member of the Artistic Infusion Program at the US Mint. He is the designer of the reverse of the Colorado state quarter scheduled for release later in 2006. (Coin World, 6 March 2006, page 2)

Finally, I have a quibble with the answer to quiz question 96b in gram 1440 (there were two questions

96). The question was "What numismatic issue was a direct result of the overdraft?" The published reply was "the MPC system." The MPC system is not a numismatic issue. The issue that was directly stimulated by the overdraft was the use of AMC yen series 100-A as restricted-use currency in the Pacific theater. Had that experiment failed, we would not have had any MPC at all. However, the experiment having succeeded beyond expectations, the release of series 461 was accelerated in Europe and a couple of weeks later series 461 was extended to the Pacific, replacing the series 100-A yen notes. I told myself when the question was published that this point was going to be too subtle for MPC collectors - and I was right. [See editorial for editors comments.]

The Master Sergeant Finally Attended a Fest!

by The Master Sergeant Daniel

I am not much of a winter person and usually head for warmer climates during that part of the year. The weather forecast had snow and sleet forecasted for my original travel day to Port Clinton, Ohio, so I departed a day earlier. Yes, I finally attended one of them.

I drove from my wife's condo near the DC Beltway to I-270 to I-70 and then to I-76 and I-80/90. I stopped only for fuel and coffee and made it to Port Clinton in seven hours. When I got off the Interstate, I saw signs for Ottawa and thought I had gone too far and into Canada! And I swear I saw a sign for the Northwest Territories too.

The Holiday Inn Express's manager, Kim, checked me in and I had a nice suite to myself. Kim and her staff really went overboard in taking care of us before, during and after the Fest!! I was going to share the suite with my wife but she decided to work instead of taking a trip with me to a meeting of mostly former military types. She always makes good decisions!

There were some OLD festers already there and we ate dinner at the Jolly Roger that night. The next day, we went to a warehouse and stuffed our vehicles with whatever was needed for the Fest. It was not a lot of work, but I did feel the wind coming off of Lake Erie. Brrrrrrrr! And we were not paid for our work in MFC! I knew then things were not going to go well for me. There was a bourse the next day and I found a few pieces to buy. Amazing! And David Seeyle and Roger Urce gave me a bag/envelope of notes to give to the kids at the ANA Conventions in the name of the IBNS and Gramsters.

Over the next couple of days were too many events to describe all of them, except that I finished in the Final Four in the March Madness! Another amazing event!!! And another significant event was my adding

my \$100 to the pot in an auction of Fred's beard being shaved off. Over \$500 went into the scholarship fund. Excellent! I also flirted with The Boss a couple of times but she did not know I was flirting with her! I must be getting old!

I stayed a day past the Fest and a bunch of us went to Mel's for dinner. Then I drove to Fort Wayne, Indiana, to visit an old VN War buddy, and an Uncle and Aunt on my way to Chicago. The Fest was a great time, and I even enjoyed being around Fred for a few days in a row. But what I did not realize was that I was going to live with him and Joe Boling at the Chicago CPMX too! If you want to see a picture of a nearly naked and hairy Fred sitting in a chair and working on his emails, send me an email. I am still trying to recover from that last experience!

Championship Question Corner

Question: What printer or printers produced Special Army Currency? Question 98, difficulty 3.

Yesterday's Question: replacements were indicated by serial letter G and H for what issues?

Answer: see comments below

Comments from the field: Bill Myers Jack Hunter and Larry Gibbs all correctly answered that 1948 Special Army Currency uses the letter G (G-G) as replacements and that Allied military yen use H (H-A or is it A-H?--a bonus questio.)

I a phone conversation on the matter (I was going to say issue), Joe and I agreed that probably the BEST answer was OMGUS coupons as described by Jim Downey on Monday.

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Editorial

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I liked Joe's comments on the question about the issue generated by the overdraft in Germany. Certainly the issue (or reissue, or issuance of A yen as military scrip) of A yen was generated by the overdraft. However the issue that was created as a result of the overdraft was MPC or more specifically and possibly more correctly Series 461 MPC. The curx of the difference of interpretation between Joe and me seems to be in the use of the word issue which is both a noun and a verb.

Here is exactly how the question was stated: What numismatic issue was a direct result of the overdraft? To me this seems to be asking for a noun, but I would love to hear from some gramarians out there on this, er, issue. Of course, I suspect that any gramarians who might have subscribed to the Gram have probably departed screaming long before now.

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Mail Call

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Dear Gram,

For those who are considering taking the week-long PM counterfeit detection seminar in CS in July, it's time to get your registrations in. As of 22 March, only three are on the rolls - that's not enough to run the course. Joe =====

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Thurski Travels

by Larry Ski Smulczenski

Sunday morning at CPMX was dead. Very few collectors had walked thru the door, and the dealers that remained were packing up to leave. Brian Giese had promised me a ride to Midway Airport to catch my flight home to Austin. We decided we might as well leave early and stop for a late breakfast and then head for the airport. When we got there, I still had about two hours until my 1430 flight so I walked the corridors checking out the gift shops. I had been into, out-of, and thru Midway on numerous occasions, but never with time to waste. The thought had crossed my mind in the past, who or what was Midway Airport named after? Was there a famous Chicago politician by the name of Midway or had there been a Captain or Admiral Midway that distinguished himself in World War II? Most likely it was simply a distance measurement such as midway between the lake and the city limits. Somewhere there had to be a plaque with this information, but I sure didn't want to go back thru security to go look for it in the airport foyer. Therefore, I stayed in the concourse area. My flight was leaving from Gate C-1, so I was close to the common area for all three concourses. I strolled around Concourse C, and then up and down Concourse B, and found myself entering Concourse A. Around a bend in the corridor, I saw a Navy World War II aircraft hung from the ceiling. I recognized it as a Navy SBD Douglas Dauntless Divebomber. A light began to flicker in my mind--Midway Airport--Divebombers--Battle of Midway. Could it be that the Chicago Airport was named after the famous Naval Battle of Midway? But what did Chicago have in common with a battle that happened halfway across the world? Well, the walls around craft had all the answers. Pictures and narratives told how "an assault by navy torpedo bombers against overwhelming odds provided an opportunity for SBD Divebombers to destroy

three Japanese aircraft carriers in a matter of five minutes. A fourth carrier was destroyed a few hours later, thus turning the tide of the battle and the War in the Pacific."

"On June 23, 1949, the Chicago City Council changed the name of the Municipal Airport to Midway Airport in honor of those heroes of the Battle of Midway...the men who turned the tide of the battle of the Pacific." Wow, I thought, that's great, but still why did Chicago choose Midway. I read on. "From 1942 to 1945, Chicago was a central training ground for allied pilots, aircraft carrier officers, ship's deck and flight crews. Aircraft Carrier Qualification training was conducted on Lake Michigan in order to avoid attacks from submarines which frequently patrolled the U.S. coastline. Two former Great Lakes excursion vessels, the 'Sea and Bee' and the 'Greater Buffalo' were fitted with flat tops and commissioned by the Navy as the USS Wolverine and the USS Sable. these two vessels, which operated from Chicago's Navy Pier, provided the platforms for the pilots to prove their ability to land and takeoff from an aircraft carrier after receiving flight training at Glenview Naval Air Station. The Lake Michigan training operation was a great success with over seventeen thousand pilots qualified." Of course, during any training operation, accidents occur. Approximately one hundred aircraft were lost into Lake Michigan. In the late 1980's, a program was launched to recover some of the aircraft, restore them and place them on public display. The SBD on display at Midway is one of those aircraft. It was lost on September 14, 1944 while attempting to takeoff from the USS Sable and recovered on August 26, 1991. It never ceases to amaze me how information of interest to us just pops up. Unfortunately, there was no series of Military scrip that we know of that was issued after the Battle of Midway. I have read that troops in the Pacific were paid with Hawaii overprinted Silver Certificates and FRN's, so that most likely also applied to Midway. World War II Remembered on page 429 illustrates a ration chit which was used on Midway Island. There is also a short snorter that has a picture of a gooney bird on it that I believe comes from Midway. I remember seeing this note illustrated in some publication during the last couple of years, but could not put my finger on it last night. I believe it was in one of Neil Shafer's columns in the Banknote Reporter or possibly some auction catalog, but it has alluded me. If you know where it is let us all know. And if you have one for sale, I'm sure interested. Finally, if you find yourself at Midway Airport with some time to kill, make your way to Concourse A and spend the time reading the display that they have there. You will not regret it.

Championship Question Corner

Question: Interesting and rare notes were issued in

the Faroe Islands during World War II. What was (is) the political status of the islands? Question 99, difficulty 2. What security printer manufactured the ruble notes prepared for the occupation of Ukraine. Question 100, difficulty 3.

Yesterday's Question: What printer or printers produced Special Army Currency? Question 98, difficulty 3.

Answer: The BEP contracted the printing to Forbes Lithograph Manufacturing Corporation, Tudor Press, and the American Bank Note Company.

Comments from the field: no comments

Editorial

Let me go on the record. I too had a great time at the Fest. I suppose that is obvious, but it is nonetheless true. It was not a perfect Fest. There are some areas needing improvement and we are thinking about those things. Heck, I have some ideas in mind for Fest X and we are still 11 months from Fest 8.

The biggest problem from my view is that I did not get to chat enough with enough Festers. Indeed, I do not think that I got to chat enough with ANY Festers. Possibly on the post Fest tour to Wright Patterson I got to chat enough with the Festers in the car, but that was the exception.

It would seem that the expansion of the Fest to 60+ participants probably was the root of the problem, but I do not think so. I have felt this way after every Fest so that is probably not the problem. However, since I do not see a way to extend the Fest any more days, it will be hard to solve this riddle. On yet another hand, possibly I am missing something and the Festers out there can give us some answers.

Mail Call

Dear Gram,
I signed up for Joe's class today, bring the total number of students to four according to Barb. I also signed up for Fred's mini-seminar on MPC.

Cheers,
Mark

Dear Gram;
I have to agree with Ray about the punched holed JIM being Red Cross issues. It just doesn't sound right. Being an old Air Force sergeant I understand keeping the troops busy. Punching holes in JIM with an old Army two hole punch would be great "keep em busy"

work.

I suspect that when the supplies of JIM were captured in Manila, the primary thought was to keep them off the local economy "just in case". I can also understand the GI's ability/capability to scrounge souvenirs. The logical solution was to "dewat" them by canceling them with holes. Take a couple of yardbirds and put them to something useful. The end result, a whole bunch of canceled JIM to give to the troops as mementos. I believe that the Red Cross probably did distribute these memento's in their canteens.

Granted, this is a logical explanation and there are those that claim that the Army never did anything logical, but it did sometimes happen.

I saw a booklet some years back. Don't know if it was the same as Ray has, but it was nice. Probably turned out by the Filipinos to sell to the GI's much like the Vietnamese coin sets that were turned out by the hundreds in the Nam. Appeared to be local printing on the booklets. Just a logical guess of course since I can't see the Finance Officers doing something like this.

Welcome home.

Paul Garner

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Souvenir JIM

by Ray Czaor

In Gram 1442, Joe Boling questioned why I believe the JIM with punched holes were not connected to the Red Cross. As I stated earlier I was stationed at Clark AB from 1963 to 1965. I was quite familiar with the Red Cross and their primary function at that time. There were only two or three people in the Red Cross office and they were quite busy providing a conduit between family members in the CONUS and military members stationed at Clark on emergency matters. In fact, commanders would not approve a leave request for a member during their tour to go back to CONUS unless

the Red Cross would verify it was an emergency situation. Given the size of the military force at Clark, the Red Cross was kept quite busy in this role and it is my opinion that they wouldn't have time punching holes in JIM and designing and preparing souvenir booklets. The booklets I have seen one came from Filipinos while I was there and the other from a US collection and I believe was prepared immediately after the War.

Paul Garner in Gram 1443 has a more likely scenario on how/why holes were punched in JIM.

Championship Question Corner

Question: US Naval officer Captain Miles arranged for counterfeit notes of what country? Question 101, difficulty 3. Showa dating is associated with whom? Question 102, difficulty 2.

Yesterday's Question: Interesting and rare notes were issued in the Faroe Islands during World War II. What was (is) the political status of the islands? Question 99, difficulty 2. What security printer manufactured the ruble notes prepared for the occupation of Ukraine. Question 100, difficulty 3.

Answer: see below

Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote: Question 99: Since 1380 Faroe Islands were a possession of Denmark. They became a protectorate of Great Britain 4 APR 1941 and now are autonomous in local matters and represented in the Danish parliament.

Question 100: Ukraine notes were printed by Reichsdruckerei, Berlin.

[Bill threw me for a little look with the autonomous comment. Just what does it mean. I was looking for an answer like the Faroe Islands (future travel destination of Ski I think) are part of Denmark. Instead I get this autonomous comment and was not sure that I was up to date. Well, it seems that we are both right. This is what I found on the internet: Since 1948, the Faroe Islands have been a selfgoverning region of the Kingdom of Denmark. It has its own parliament and its own flag. It is not, however, a member of the European Union and all trade is governed by special treaties.--Ed]

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Editorial

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On Thursday the Boss and I made the long trek to Oak Harbor to visit the local coin shop. Harold and Faye Rice have a little shop in their converted garage. The three biggest towns in the county are (in order (from the top)) Port Clinton, Oak Harbor, and Elmore. As far as I know the only coin shops ever to operate in the county were in Oak Harbor. The one before the

Rice shop was a nice place, but it did not last long. In many ways the shop is a throw back to the first shops that I visited in the 1960s. It does not have chairs and a coffee pot, but it does have plenty of circulated coins for collectors filling sets. It has a little paper money and even a few MPC!

What it had yesterday that really surprised me was customers! Not only were there six customers in the shop (including Judy and me), but a few of them departed and were replaced by others so that in the 45 or so minutes that I was there, I think that eight or nine customers were there. Most of them bought a little something. I could not find anything to buy but Judy bought two love tokens for her collection.

Both of them are actually quite interesting.

My statement that I could not find anything to buy is not quite correct. Harold has two Port Clinton national bank notes in his inventory for sale. He has had them for a long time. The problem is that he will not quote me a price. I believe that if others ask, he will give them a price--but not me. You see, I not only have a few Oak Harbor nationals that he wants (he has none!), but I even have a duplicate and he figures that the best way to get it from me relates to the two PCs that he has. Fortunately, I do not need either of them for my PC type collection (I do need them for my PC serial number collection). I have told him that if he can find me anything for my country type collection that we can trade, but that does not make him very happy.

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Mail Call

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Greetings Editor,

Are your horizons open to adding "pogs" to mpcgramvillagers as we listed in our latest "Coins and Currency of the Mideast"?????????

Cheers,

Colin

Dear Colin,

I am not sure what your question is. Pogs are most certainly part of the military money story and are being hotly collected. My vision is that pogs likely will be listed in the next MPC book but not in the WWII book. Opinions are welcome.

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Form TFEL-2 Certificates

by Jack Hunter

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I recently came across some strange items on E-Bay that looked familiar, but odd at first glance. The seller listed them as Swiss stock certificates but it was pretty obvious that they were of U.S. origin. The vignette on the face is that of John Marshall (1755-1835) who served as the Secretary of State and as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. This vignette is the same one that appears on the \$20.00 Treasury Note of 1890 and 1891.

There is also a bright red Treasury seal, of the old style, at right center. All of the certificates in this lot were consecutively numbered and have, what appears to be, typewritten information on them i.e. date, issuer, type of issue etc. But upon closer inspection, I think that they may have been done by letterpress, as there is no embossing from this typewritten information.

A quick search of the inter-net turned up some very interesting information. It seems that these certificates were attached to bonds and perhaps stock certificates also. During WW II!

The site goes on to say that Chapter III, Assets in the United States gives a description of these forms. Well, after reading a lot of pretty dry subject matter on securities and such, I finally found what I think these things were really used for. It says they were used as an attempt to prevent hostile interests from trading securities to fund their war efforts. TFEL-2 was a form that allowed friendly foreign nationals to trade in American securities during the war.

On 14 June 1941, by executive order 8389 called for a census of foreign owned assets held by every person in the United States. They were required to report all property held for, or owned by a foreign country or national.

It goes on to describe why these measures were to

be taken. In the event of a country being over run by the Axis, securities held by these countries were frozen unless the owner could prove that they were free from any blocked interest. The Treasury addressed many of these problems through certification. An expedient somewhat similar to the European practice of affixing tax stamps to legitimately acquired securities.

So it would seem that if you held securities from any over run country, or even some neutrals, you would have to record them with the Treasury Department in order to trade or redeem these interests in the future.

This leaves with more questions than answers, for instance, what does TFEL stand for? And if there is a TFEL-2, where is TFEL-1? All of these seen so far seem to be dated between 1941-1943. Is this because after 1943, the European Continent was being re-taken by the allies?

I do not know, but Im going to keep looking for the answers to this mystery.

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Answer: see below

Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote: Question 101: CPT Miles requested OSS counterfeit Thai notes. He also ordered Japanese currency for use in China but was not produced.

Question 102: Japanese emperor Hirohito chose the reign title of showa.

1926 was the first year of Showa. Champ Downey also submitted the correct, but abbreviated, answers.

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Editorial

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The day that the Bank Note Reporter arrives has been a monthly highlight for me for more than thirty (yikes) years. Today was exceptionally good. This must have been the unofficial military money issue! There were at least four feature stories on the subject including the first (I am pretty sure) with the byline of Roger Urce who had a Fest story.

Especially since one of the stories was my own, I hope that this will motivate someone else to do a review of this important BNR issue.

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Mail Call
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Dear Gram,
I meant will these pogs be covered in future mpc
grams? (= amongst mpcgramvillagers)
Thank you sir.....

Colin, in cow country

Dear Colin,
I loved your response from the center of numismatic
newspaper publishing! What answer has every editor
given to such a question in the past 100 years? If
someone writes it, we will publishe it.

Editor

For Pete's sake, Ray, you were in the Philippines
TWENTY YEARS after the JIM were beings used for
legging insulation. What the Red Cross was doing in
the 1960s and what they were doing in the 1940s were
doubtless quite different. I'm open to their not being
involved with punching holes in JIM, but not on the
basis of what they were doing in the mid-60s.
Joe

Dear Joe,
Who is Pete?

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Altered MPC

by Jim Downey

On page 61 of the Fourth Edition of the Comprehensive Catalog of Military Payment Certificates there is a discussion of raised and altered MPC. There is an illustration of a Series 481 5 cent raised to a 50 cent note by adding a "0" from a 10 cent note. Of all things, the original 5 cent note was a replacement!

The text gets a little confused as it initially indicates the added piece came from a 10 cent note but the next paragraph indicates a 50 cent note. It goes on to say that the remaining portion of the 50 cent note could still be passed. (OMGUS regulations allowed mutilated currency to be replaced as long as three-fifths of the note remained.) The text poses the question when and for what reason was the raised note created?

The answer to the question of why it was created is simple - it was made to deceive as all raised notes are. It is suggested that this note may be an isolated incident or a fantasy note resulting from "idle time."

The USAREUR Information Bulletin from November 1951 indicates that the raising of 5 cent notes to 50 cents was more than an isolated incident.

The Information Bulletin was a monthly summary of some of the more important bulletins and notices that were issued in by the US military authorities in Germany. The November 1951 edition carried the following notice:

Alteration of MPC Currency

All personnel are cautioned to closely examine all MPC 50 cent [MPC \$0.50] notes received by them to insure that such pieces of currency have not been altered or raised. Particular attention should be paid to the written portion of the number "Fifty Cents" in the body of the bill rather than simply reading the figured number 50 in the lower section of the bill.

Altered or raised, MPC 50-cent notes have appeared in Berlin recently and all personnel should be alert to detect any further attempt at passing such altered currency.

Series 481 was introduced in Germany on June 20, 1951. It is very likely that the note shown in the Catalog may very well have been one of the notes that compelled the authorities to issue the above warning in November 1951.

Championship Question Corner

Question: Bon de Solidarite "notes" were issued by what government? Question 104, difficulty 2.
Yesterday's Question: Who are the recipients of military numismatic service awards (awards made at MPC Fests)? Question 103, difficulty 3. How are Free French notes for Reunion marked (identified)?

Answer: see below

Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote: Question 102: I do not know them all but I believe Larry Smulczewski has received the numismatic service award. [I was disappointed that we did not get more responses to this one. There is no easy place to look this up (yet, but I have something in mind) so we will let this go for another day to see who can remember all of the recipients. Bill gives us a clue.--Ed]

Question 103: Reunion Free France notes are not overprinted or distinguished in any way and are identified by serial number.

Bill Myers

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Editorial

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Jim Downey's column is only in its second week and he has put me in a rut where I must rave about the great new material that he reports. It was amazing enough finding the raised Series 481 fractional, but finding official reports about these raised notes is amazing. I am looking forward to next Monday.

Well, I really stepped on it by sending out an old Gram to everyone while trying to fix a subscription problem. I am very sorry about that. I have not had to do this for a long time, but we will extend all subscriptions that are in good standing not by one, but by two issues because of our mistake. Read more on this below.

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Mail Call

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Dear Gram,

I just realized that I had not received a transmission of the MPCgram for some time. In checking, I see the last issue received was #1437, dated March 15. Have there been subsequent issues. Did a computer glitch drop my address from your end? Or, did I manage to do something to block delivery out on this end? Your response will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Cliff

Dear Cliff,

Well, this might become known as the Cliff Gram. Someone will come up with a better name, but you get

the point. Below are are selection of responses to my bone head move of sending an old Gram out to everyone in an attempt to send it to you.

Shortly after you started receiving the Gram, I started receiving bounce messages that you were vacationing in Hawaii or some similar place. Apparantly, you missed one of the rules. Gramsters making such trips are exptected to give us a numismatic trip report!

Editor

Dear Gram,
So why did you send this out again to the entire distribution list?
Joe

Dear Gram,
Cliff ? Cliff's not here man. Who's Cliff?

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Editor--

I thought for the answer to the question about who was Showa dating associated with was Joe Boling.
--Ski

Dear Ski,
I like your answer best!

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More on raised notes

by Joe Boling

Following up on Jim Downey's column of today: when I was in Morocco 1953-55, my father, who was an Air Force OSI agent, showed me a series 481 nickel that had been raised to 50c by the simple expedient of doodling. The airman responsible traced over (filled in) the numeral "5" with a ball point pen, then added an appropriately proportioned "0" after it, also with ball point, so that it looked like a half dollar that had been played with. I don't recall whether any attempt was made to alter the word "five" to "fifty." Following up on Ski's linking of Showa dating to one

Joe Boling: when Emperor Hirohito died in late 1989, Fred called me to extend his condolences. He thought that with my long association with Japanese numismatics, I would be at least a little down that night. I was surprised to find that I was. I had not even realized it until Fred called to commiserate. Of course, Hirohito was the Showa emperor.

CPMX story - in a junk book (a book of notes at junk box prices), I found a series 521 dime that had been torn in half and taped back together - except that this note is two halves of different notes, and both are right-hand halves. The taping was done so as to put the centers of the notes together, both face up, so that one is right side up at the right, and the other, on the left, is upside down - unless you turn the whole piece 180 degrees, putting the right-side-up half on the other side, where it is now upside down. Clear as mud? Why on earth would someone cobble together pieces of different notes in such a fashion? The two serials are E03735323E and E00318495E. Because of the configuration of the note, no position number is present (that appears on the left half of a note, and there are no left halves present). But you can all calculate the position number(s), right? Not to worry - if you can't, you can go to Doug's data base, put those numbers in, and the position numbers will appear - theoretically as a quick and dirty check for counterfeits, but not applicable to the instant note. Does another 521 10c note exist composed of two left ends, neither with a serial number? I have another CPMX story, but it won't suffer from

becoming a bit aged. So now, having never gotten to bed this morning, I am going to toddle off to

dreamland early - it's only midnight.

Championship Question Corner

Question: Romulus and Remus being suckled by a wolf appear on notes for what location? Question 105, difficulty 3.

Yesterday's Question: Bon de Solidarite "notes" were issued by what government? Question 104, difficulty 2. and left over from the day before and we received several responses although none of them were completely correct: Who are the recipients of military numismatics service awards (awards made at MPC Fests)? Question 103, difficulty 3. How are Free French notes for Reunion marked (identified)?

Answers: see below

Comments from the field: Roger Urce How about Elmer Smith, Joe Boling, Larry Smulczenski and this year's recipient Marv Mericle. Jim Champ Downey wrote: The recipients of the Military Numismatics Service Award are Larry Smulczenski, Neil Shafer and Marv Mericle. George Fitzgerald wrote that he remembers: Marvin Mericle, Larry Ski, Elmer Smith, and Joe Bolling. [Ok, the ones that I remember (all of them, in order) are Elmer Smith, Larry Smulczenski, Joe Boling, Neil Shafter, and Marv Mericle. The lack of memory on these points out two things that HQ will have to do. We need to create a permanent award with the recipients names affixed. Secondly, we need to be sure that we give prominent listing of the names in the military numismatics books (Remembered and CCMPC)--Ed]

Roger Urce also wrote regarding the Reunion question: on page 155 of the "BOOK," it says "The notes are the same as the Vichy issue but the Free French issues have two crosses of Lorraine instead of the two axes" Doesn't that give the Free French notes of Reunion an identification? [Roger gets bonus points because he is absolutely correct. That is what I get for creating the questions on the fly. The local issue that Roger mentions was not what I was thinking of when I entered the question, but he is correct. The local Free French issue has the Cross of Lorraine. The general Free French issue Cassaie Central de la France Libre and ...Outre Mer for reunion can only be identified by serial number. Way to go Roger.--Ed]

Regarding Question 104 Jim Downey wrote : Bons de Solidarite were issued by the Vichy French. Question 102: Bill Myers wrote that Bon de Solidarite notes were issued by the French Vichy government by the French Red Cross central committee for aiding POWs, refugees, wounded and other needy people. They are receipts for donations Vichy government was what I was

looking for. Sometimes extra info gets people into trouble, but this time it was ok. I must admit again that I was creating the question on the fly and I knew that this was not a great question because I would probably have to accept France based upon the way that the question was phrased. See below.--Ed]

Rick Nickles wrote: answer to today's question is FRANCE (see above) and he also asked "how do you play the trivia game??" [See editorial]

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Editorial

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Rick Nickles question proves that we need to review things now and then. First, Rick, trivia--I DONT THINK SO--this is important historic and numismatic information! (smile). OK, trivia.

The best and only real way to play the game is to come to the Fest. There we play March Madness in the style of a television quiz game. Everyone in attendance is seeded in brackets and play head to head to make the final four. Those four then compete on Saturday evening for the title of champion. We do not have an exact name for the award, but one will no doubt develop.

One year everyone played a little counter game and performed terribly on the questions. They did this to manipulate your humble editor into running the questions in the Gram so that they could prepare for the next year. It worked.

As with most of what we do there are no rules so we run the questions and some folks like to write in with the answer and we like that much better than simply listing the answer. You could do it for the glory or at least for the good of the community and personal growth. Thanks for writing with an answer and a question. We hope to see you at the Fest next year.

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Mail Call

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Dear Editor,
In MPCGram 1445, Joe used the phrase "For Pete's sake." You asked: Who's Pete?
This phrase is an example of a "minced oath", a substitution of a less offensive word.
"For Pete's sake" is simply a polite version of a common and profane expression involving the name of Christ. The original 'Pete' in this case was St. Peter.

>> From Morris Dictionary of Word and Phrase Origins.

David Klinger

Dear Gramsters.....Bought a nice car again. Want to sell a few notes! Have and extra # 591 \$5 MPC would

grade GCU 65 @ \$7250 OBO and a few others. Have 1000+ GCU notes never offered before. EMAIL or call Guy Araby @ 310-508-0018 or res# 562-945-7891 or email me @ guyaraby@earthlink.net Only need up to 10K then I will stop selling and will be buying again after I raise what I need Thanks Guy

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New (Military) Grading Service

Professional Official Grading Service, a new numismatic grading service has been created and began operating today. Steve Swoish, founder and CEO, announced today that the service has been created to fullfill a demand that he has seen developing for properly graded and encapsulated material. Unlike other grading services that have eveolved into including military notes among types services, Swoish states that militaray notes will be the

backbone of the service.

As of today the service is grading military payment certificates and AAFES pogs. MPC graded by the service will be recorded in the

papermoneyworld database. POGS graded will be given serial numbers that will permanantly applied by a secret process and will be visible only with a special viewing device.

The grading service holders are going to include the best features of existing holders and introduce new features. The holders will be completely inert to protect the notes. They will also be perfectly transparent and very rigid to further protect the notes. They will also be extremly thin allowing the special sensation of touch.

In another innovation, customers are encouraged to pay for their serivces with MPC or POGS. Inquiries to the Professional Official Grading Service (POGS) should be addressed to POGSforever@pognetwork.pog.

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Answers: see below

Comments from the field: Question 105: Bill Myers

wrote Dodecanese Islands. =====

Editorial

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Spring seemed to break out here today, but tomorrow is supposed to be cooler. Still, Spring will not be held back. The boss marked the change by taking down the Christmass tree (really--that should get the neighbors talking again). The turn of Spring means that the big summer events are not far behind: Memphis, ANA convention and of course the Summer seminar. They will all be great events and we hope to see you there. The interesting announcement by Steve Swoish will likely be one of those that will be talked about for many years to come. We must wish Steve good luck with his POGS enterprise.

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Mail Call

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Dear Gram miester Fred,

Joe's comment on raised notes brings a couple of questions to mind.

He (Joe) asks "why would someone cobble together pieces of two different notes in such a fashion? Well my questions to Joe are (I already know the answer to

some) Did you buy the note? What was the asking price? I know that it doesn't have any position number and, hence no number 8. So I seriously doubt that he bought it. And a 521 dime isn't even on his want list anymore. But he DID look it over pretty well. He even recorded the serial numbers of BOTH sides. So my next question is, What is the Emperor of Japan / Saint Eligius doing looking at MPC in a junk book for? Huh Joe?

It would seem pretty obvious to me why someone would "cobble" this note together. It's so somebody might BUY the darn thing of course!

Hell, even if it didn't get sold, it caught the attention of one of the worlds most esteemed numismatists. And probably kept him entertained for the better part of the hour! It even prompted him to write an article about it! Holy Cow, it sounds like a bargain at twice the asking price! It's just too bad that we don't have a web link so we could all enjoy it.

Man, that was almost as much fun as watching Fred bowl !!

Keep up the good work guys. :-)

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Dear Gramsters.....As per my duplicate MPC's 4 sale (1000+ notes) and only selling a few!.....the "question" most ask is "what nice car cost \$10k? ".....answer.....the partial down payment on a "Z06" 5.7 L 405+ HP 190/200 MPH Silver -" Corvette" - eats gas like MPC eats money.....Now I can go real fast between lights!. OR on the way to Vegas!.....well. ...Thanks for your inquires Guy

Dear Guy,
Sounds to me like you and that vet could make a fast trip to Fest8.

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Wrigley War Tax Rebate Certificates

by Jim Downey

Although the MPCGram is dedicated to all aspects of military numismatics, most of the articles and other information found in it relate to either Military Payment Certificates or World War II era material. Although fewer numismatic items came out of World War I, they also deserve attention. Although it is more of a quasi-numismatic item, one of the more peculiar items from this period is the Wrigleys War Tax Rebate Certificate.

In 1914, three years prior to the U.S. entry into the war, Congress passed the War Tax Act to raise money for national defense. Included in the items taxed under the War Tax Act was chewing gum. This was not the first time that chewing gum was taxed in the name of national defense. It was also taxed during the Spanish-American War netting \$366,000.00 in fiscal year 1900.

Chewing gum was wholesaled to merchants in boxes of twenty packages. The War Tax Act imposed a four cent tax on each wholesale box of twenty. A box wholesaled for sixty-four cents. Each pack retailed for five cents, so the retail mark up on the entire box of twenty was thirty-six cents. Because the four cent tax could not be apportioned equally among the twenty packages, the merchant had to absorb the four

cent tax. The William Wrigley, Jr. Company was strongly opposed to the tax but attempts to lobby Congress to repeal the chewing gum tax failed. In order to alleviate the effect of the tax on the merchant, Wrigley included a War Tax Rebate Certificate in every box of gum. A merchant could redeem sixteen of the coupons for a free box of gum. The certificate itself reads as follows:

You pay 4c WAR TAX on each box when you have bought 16 boxes we send you a 64c box of gum prepaid which you retail for \$1.00. In other words, Wrigley returned the tax to the retailer in kind by providing a free box of gum for every 16 boxes purchased.

The War Tax on gum was the subject of the rivalry between Wrigley and the Hershey Company. Although Hershey is famous for chocolate, it tried to launch a chewing gum line just prior to the war. Whereas most gum manufacturers sold gum in packs of five for a nickel, Hershey sold it in packs of six for a nickel. When the War Tax was imposed, Hershey originally only paid four cents per box of twenty packages. They were able to sell 120 pieces of gum paying the four cent tax while the other merchants were paying the tax on 100 pieces of gum. William Wrigley complained to the IRS that Hershey was not paying its full tax. Wrigley won and an additional tax was imposed on the boxes of Hersheys gum!

A scan of the Wrigleys War Tax Rebate Certificate can be seen at <http://www.papermoneyworld.net/grams/images/war%20tax.jpg>

Championship Question Corner

Question: What MPC series was the first to have multiple printings? Question 107, difficulty 1. What was the last series of MPC to have multiple printings? Question 108, difficulty 2.

Yesterday's Question: What watermark varieties are found on the States of Jersey World War II notes? Question 106, difficulty 3.

Answers: see below

Comments from the field: Question 106: Bill Myers wrote Question 106: States of Jersey watermarks are a thin line and a chain at various locations in the notes. The chains come in thick and thin varieties.

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Editorial

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This is the spring show period. Dan Freeland informs me that Michigan State is meeting in Dearborn this weekend and the ANA is meeting in Atlanta. No one has announced any mini Fest at these or others that I know

of, but you just never know. Mini Fests have been known to spring up at the most unexpected times and places.

I had a chat with Joe yesterday about various things (including getting to serious work on Remembered). One of the subjects was modern counterfeits of Federal Reserve notes. He told me some interesting things about the current notes. All of that talk got me excited looking forward to the summer seminar and his class on world counterfeits. I am looking forward to that. I believe that there are two spots left in the class so if you want to attend, you had better contact the ANA pronto (www.money.org).

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Mail Call

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Editor,

For the Lost & Found Dept. After unpacking and getting things sorted out from the Fest, I have an item that was left in the Bay Harbor Room, Holiday Inn, and would like to get it returned to the rightful owner. There are two pieces with different serial numbers. If you can identify I will send to you, "Over There."

Harold Kroll (harbons@aol.com)

Dear Editor,

April Fool. And a good one to boot. Up to the highest standards.

I just sent my entire collection of POGS--about 37,491,263,471 & 1/2-- to Mr. Swoosh for grading under the new service. I did enclose one slightly battered series 701 2 1/2 cent MPC in payment and to cover postage under the US Postal Services new rates for people living in western Iowa.

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Dear Editor,

I would have been disappointed if the April 1st Gram did not have a lead story of somewhat dubious credibility; my compliments on a fine piece. On another note, I liked your idea of memorializing the award recipients and would suggest that a short synopsis of each of the Fests be written for inclusion in Al Glaser's MFC book. The synopsis could consist of a single page highlighting the significant events. Your thoughts.

Roger

Dear Editor,

Hey, I am here in Chicago at a coin show (yikes), but even here I know what today is. Although yesterday I saw some coins in slabs that had the date wrong, and a MS-64 with a large rim bump.

Perhaps where Capt Spock lives it is not April 1st.

Best as always

Bill

Dear Bill,
It was nice to receive your annual message.

Editor

Dear Editor,
Thanks for getting me back actively enrolled on your mail list. Sorry I confused the situation, leading to unintended vagaries.

Actually, I was only off to Hawaii for upwards of three weeks, notwithstanding the erroneous "bounce back messages" that began appearing. I blew it again. I'm so inept in this electronic world that I have to have my daughter handle anything out of the ordinary for me. In this instance I wanted to put a message out to incoming mail indicating that I would not be responding to mail from Feb. 24 to Mar. 15, 2006, not for a period of approximately a year as the dispatches indicated. When my daughter arrived on the scene to put up the message, I had to quickly draft up the words for her . . . and I didn't proof read them! Then, I complicated matters by failing to inform her that I only wanted the message to go out to only newly arriving mail, not past mail still held in my "in-box," so it went forward to the several hundred messages that I had not cleared out of that active file. What with bounce back messages and everything, when everything was said and done I returned home to 1,200 or so mail messages to work through.

The bottom line . . . I had not intended that those dispatching e-mail newsletters to me would suspend service, as I was anticipating scanning thought them upon my return from Hawaii!

Guess I am not a very good Gramster, what with not being in a position to provide a "numismatic trip report" on our Hawaiian getaway. The bottom line here is that no numismatic overtones developed, save for the fact that my change from a purchase at O'Hare did yield a pair of 2006-D Jeffersons. That would not be of much interest to the Gramster audience I'm sure.

By the way, I'm now receiving two dispatches of the MPCgram for each issue. That has been the case for issues # 1446, 1447 and 1448.

Sincerely yours,

Cliff

Dear Cliff,
It is well known among veteran Gramsters that extra Grams are to be shared with recruits.

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New ANA WWII Exhibit and Odds and ends

by Joe Boling

I might have to change the day for my column - coming in behind Jim Downey each week is too tough. Two of the lots I sent to the scholarship auction at fest this year (the Korean war line crosser's pass, with Mark Clark signature, and the series 1917 US Postal Savings System \$1 note), were the property of a local widow whose husband's collection I have been assisting her with. When she got her settlement check and found out about the purpose of the sale, she sent me a check for \$15 to put into the fund. So Sue McCarty should be added to the list of 2006 scholarship fund donors. Mr. 21 had a comment in a recent gram about the two-piece ten-cent note I described last week. He said "my questions to Joe are (I already know the answer to some) Did you buy the note? What was the asking price? I know that it doesn't have any position number and, hence no number 8. So I seriously doubt that he bought it....What is the Emperor of Japan / Saint Eligius doing looking at MPC in a junk book for?" Well, I was looking in the junk book because I have a long want list of genuine notes in well-circulated condition to match up with fakes that I already own. So I spend a lot of time looking at junk these days. The asking price was \$3, and yes, I did buy it - to give to Fred. But he insisted that I take it home and write about it before passing it to him. Based on the appearance of the tape on the piece, I doubt that a dealer fixed it up with sale as an objective. More likely a user ended up with two halves, through some improbable circumstance, and taped the pieces together so that they could be spent. ANA is installing a new exhibit of WWII leaders, and asked me for something numismatic with Hirohito's portrait on it. At first blush, I could not think of anything - he never appeared on any currency emissions. But searching my medals data base for the name, I came up with eight hits, seven of which are for medals with a Hirohito portrait. Most of them are small, not really suitable for an exhibit, and none are from the war years, the focus of the exhibit. But one DOES show Hirohito as crown prince in a military uniform, and is 60mm across, so that is the one I have loaned the museum for this exhibit. (The medal commemorates the crown prince's tour of Europe in 1921.) The exhibit opens in May and is scheduled to be up for a year, so anyone attending summer seminar, or attending the membership appreciation day at ANA HQ after the Denver ANA convention, should be able to see this WWII exhibit. Now - who is going to write it up for the gram?

Championship Question Corner

Question: What is the highest denomination Allied military yen note? Question 109, difficulty 2. Where

was the note printed? Question 110, difficulty 3.

Yesterday's Question: What MPC series was the first to have multiple printings? Question 107, difficulty 1.
What was the last series of MPC to have multiple printings? Question 108, difficulty 2.

Answers: see below

Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote: Question 107: MPC series 472 is the first to have multiple printings.

Question 108: MPC series 692 is the last released series to have multiple printings (\$20). Series 701 had multiple printings but was never released.

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Editorial

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A dealer friend (acquaintance really) has sent me an interesting item for examination upon the recommendation of a very good collector friend. It is a Allied military 1000 franc note (France back) without serial numbers. I have not spoken with the sender yet so if he reads this before I call him, this is a preview of my comments. After receiving the call, I was a bit dubious about the note. I have seen many errors in the AM lire, but not many in the francs and they would be even less likely on the high denominations. When the note arrived, my opinions changed instantly. I am certain that it is genuine and an original/unaltered piece even though I have STILL not examined it in detail. The tell-tale sign was that this piece was hand cut! The margins clearly indicate this. This means that this was cut from some sort of remainder or printer's waste and it is therefore not so surprising that it does not have numbers. After seeing it, I think that I remember a photo of a similar (possibly identical piece) being illustrated in one of the early Toy or Swails books. Possibly one of the military numismatics bibliophiles out there will have a look for us.

It certainly is an interesting piece and I am happy to have had the opportunity to examine it.

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Mail Call

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Dear Gram,
I went to the Cabinet War Rooms yesterday. Marvelous and most highly recommended. They are in London around the corner from 10 Downing Street. Besides the original rooms they have just opened a museum on Winston Churchill--very well done. I took 3 hours to go through it and saw a small fraction of what they had. In the gift shop they sold reprints of WWII items made by the Imperial War Museum (the cabinet war rooms are an official part of the Imperial War Museum). I bought a few including: "Civilian Supplies in Wartime Britain" and the even better "The Market Square: The Story of the Food Ration Book 1940-1944." These are amazing little

books as will become clear in the next few days as I report on them.

Steve Feller in England

Yes Fred--copies of the books are in the mail to you. I will collect when I see you...

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Notes from the Eastern Front

Steve Feller

What is rationing and what is it done for? This seemingly simple question has interesting answer in the little book, *The Market Square: The Story of the Food Ration Book 1940-1944*.? The answer is curiously at the end of the book. Taking it at its simplest and earliest form in 1940,

rationing meant "fair shares for all of foods in short supplies easy to grasp and comparatively easy to operate. In those days fair shares meant equal shares, with the single exception of meat for small children. Quite soon the particular needs of certain invalids produced a slight break away from strict equality.

Then came the phase of many unrationed foods being in short supply which began to undermine the early definition. No longer could it be claimed that shortages and restrictions in a few directions were immaterial since there was abundance in other directions.

Gradually as the public gathered confidence in new schemes and in the potency of the ration book they gave up their early fear and dislike of it as a restrictive influence and came to look upon it as a friend and guide to sound nutrition. If, in fact, they took all that it offered and a reasonable share of the main important foods left uncovered by it, they knew they would fair all right. Ration books are poor cousins to bank notes. Yet they formed a crucial part of the WWII experience for tens of millions of people. While at the Cabinet War Rooms in London last weekend I bought a few books on the subject. These books were written during the war by those who created the system of rationing in England. I will be giving some excerpts to launch this column. The first book is entitled "*The Market Square*" and it details the British ration system with details on the ration books themselves. Indeed the subtitle is "*The Story of the Ration Book 1940-1944*." The book is by "*Impresario*." I hope you enjoy the arcane and esoteric as I do.

Ration books for over 40,000,000 people cannot be printed and distributed overnight. Generally speaking, we have to allow 9 to 12 months between going to print

and bringing them into operation...We learned also that it was a great mistake to issue any instructions printed in the book ,there being very little likelihood of their remaining accurate by the time the book came into operation.The first set, designed for six months were produced and stored away some time before the war began. There were four different sets when they first came into use R.B. 1 for those over 6, R.B. 2 for those under 6, R.B. 3 for travellers, and R.B. 6 for weekly seamen. Various other sets of books and cards were held in readiness but not in fact introduced. The essential features of R.B.1 and R.B. 2 (had) pages of coupons for each food (meat; bacon and ham; butter and margarine; cooking fats, including lard and dripping; sugar; three spares), and each page contained a counterfoil with which the holder could effect registration with a retailer. There was a space also on each page for noting the holder's name if he should decide to leave the page permanently with his retailer. Each book contained a postcard called a reference leaf with which the holder applied later on for the next book; its name may seem curious seeing that its function was one of application. At a later stage it was due to form the basic record of the holder in the Food Office

Championship Question Corner

Question: Bank of Reunion notes issued under Vichy administration/influence had what distinctive symbols?
Question 110, difficulty 2.

Yesterday's Question: What is the highest denomination Allied military yen note? Question 109, difficulty 2.
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Answers: see below

Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote: the highest denomination AM yen was 1000 yen. It was printed by the Japanese Finance Ministry Printing Bureau.

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Editorial

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It has been another one of those real busy times and the Gram kind of got away from me. This is in spite of unprecedented participation. In addition to Jim Downey's column which started only a few weeks ago, and the phoenix like rising of Ski's contribution, we now have additional columns by Steve Feller and Jack Hunter. With these columns as support (double meaning intended), the future of the Gram is assured. This does not mean that we do not need submissions of news, commentary and other items from you. On the contrary, with the columns, news and other items are guaranteed (sort of) to get out in a timely and meaningful way.

While I am singing the praise of these contributors I must remind everyone of the loyal service that Joe Boling has given us with his column. It is the longest running Gram column and knowing him, he will set a mark that will be hard to beat.

In addition to the annual demands of the IRS in April, for the past week I have been working to downsize our warehouse. For those of you who have gone on a warehouse tour in the past, what you saw is a thing of the past. How many (tons of) auction catalogs, price lists and other stuff can a collector amase in 30 years of collecting? I do not know, but I know that it is a lot! My back is killing me but the old warehouse is just about empty and a much smaller facility is being occupied. This move is in conjunction with other organizational (??) changes to streamline HQ operations.

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Mail Call

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Dear Editor,

I just want to say that the articles by Jim Downey are wonderful.
But, that word (wonderful) is the one you always use.
In any case,
I really enjoy Jim's special approach to 'Military Numismatics.'

Keep them coming.

David Klinger

Dear Dave,

Cool, what a wonderful idea. I have another wonderful one. We have Wednesday available. You could write a wonderful column column for that day. It would be a wonderful addition to the Gram.

Editor

Dear Editor,

What happened to the Gram? I have not received any in a long time (paraphrased).

Guy Araby

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World War II Remembered in Review

by Jack 21 Hunter

Per a suggestion by the editor, I am going to attempt to write a short "Book Report" from the various tomes written on the subject of WW II military numismatics.

I say "short" because my typing skills are that of a third grader, and try as I might, I can only work with four out of ten fingers. That said, please accept my apologies in advance for the total lack of knowledge for the English language.

I am going back a little further than Fred asked me to. He wanted articles from MPC 4 and WW II Remembered, but I have chosen Fred's first book on the subject. WorldWar II Allied Military Currency by Ray S. Toy and Carlton F. Schwan. Copyright 1974.

The book was dedicated to Alfred J. (Jimmy) Swails, who passed away in November of 1973.

This small (by todays standard of WW II Remembered) book of 110 pages, starts out with a short preface on the popularity of collecting military currency. It states " There are many reasons for this (popularity), but the most important factor is undoubtedly the increased amount of information which has become available to the collector in the past few years." If only the authors could have known that they had just scratched the surface! 110 pages does not even cover the Axis section in WW II R (1).

Now I will admit that I have not read this volume from cover to cover (yet) it is interesting to see the list of contributors acknowledged by the authors. Some of whom are still to this day, researching the field of military numismatics. And others who have passed on to much greater (?) horizons. I will not go into the list verbatim, but there are several names with whom I have come to recognize. And some that I will never know... This book, like most that have been written on the subject of numismatics, starts out with short sections on grading and the pricing of items one may wish to add to their collections.

A brief mention of specimen and replacement notes is also included with a list of clubs one should join. This is all pretty much the standard fare that is taken for granted today. But this information was, at the time, only just becoming available.

One interesting aspect of the copy in my collection, it came with a fixed price list, dated 10 July 74 from Carlton "Fred" Schwan of Portage, Ohio. On the cover page, is a black and white copy of a series 541 \$5.00 note! As this note is sure to be found in a black hole somewhere, I will not give you the serial number. I would almost bet that this was Freds first copy of this note, and just as he is today with the recent find of a 591 25 cent replacement note, showing it off to the world.

He even had a rubber stamp of this 541 \$5.00made up and was trying to re-coup some of his investment by offering one for \$4.00 Never one to miss angle to make a buck, even in 1974.

A very nice price list to be sure, with about 25 replacement notes offered, the highest priced one being a 692 \$20.00 in CU for \$90.00 !

I will end this tonight with Freds price list closing, "My back hurts from typing and the rest of what I was going to list is junk so I am just going to stop!"

But he then adds " Remember, I need to buy good material, what have you got for sale?"

I will get back to the book report next week.

Championship Question Corner

Question: Where are post war barter stores confirmed to have operated? Question 111, difficulty 2.

Yesterday's Question: Bank of Reunion noets issued under Vichy administration/influence had what distinctive symbols? Question 110, difficulty 2.

Answers: see below

Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote: Question 110: Two headed Vichy ax over wreaths.

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Editorial

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In the past few days I completed an article on Barter units for the Bank Note Reporter. You might recall that Robert Branagan was the manager of the Frankfurt store. In preparing the article I tried to find recent information about Colonel Branagan. A google search was somewhat promissing. It seemed to indicate that Colonel Branagan had died and there was a web site listed. That is where the problem came in. I could not make the web address work.

Here is the link. Colonel Branagan was a U S Army Transportation Corps officer. I was able to find out that atmfuondation is Army Transportation Museum but the link just would not work. I hope that some of you Internet wizzards can find some info to fill in the holes.

www.atmfoundation.org/memorialization.htm

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Mail Call

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Hay dere Editor,

Noticed the TFEL article.. Remember quite a few moons ago I sent you a p/c of a certificate of British Ownership for the Austrian Government Guaranteed Conversion Loan, 1934-1959 dated 1st July, 1938 facsimile signature of Peppiatt???? With war clouds looming in Europe I am sure some other economic measures recorded on paper are yet to be discovered.

Cheezettes,

Colin in Cow Country

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Camp 7 Museum
by Nik Sharplin

Just back from a short 2 week holiday and I am filing the following report for the gram. I was hoping very much to catch up with all my fester friends at the summer seminar, but looks like all my plans have been shot down so to speak. So it will have to be 2007! My home city of Melbourne, has just been hosting the Commonwealth games, and as the school holidays were also brought forward to co-inside with this event, we decided to avoid the crowds, get out of town, and show the kids some of our home state of Victoria instead.

During my previous travels around the state I had discovered a museum in the small town of Tatura, (population of about 2800) but it was never open! So this was the only stop planned that related to our hobby. I forgot to mention the significance of this museum, it is devoted to the 7 POW camps that were in the area during WWII. The largest concentration of such camps in Australia during this conflict.

We were very fortunate as the husband and wife team of Arthur & Lurline Knee, opened the museum especially for us & I spent approx 3 hours talking, looking at the exhibits & rummaging through their archives. I could have spent a lot longer, but three young and impatient children put paid to that! The visit was fascinating as they had many unusual

and interesting items from the various camps of the region. And yes they did have a few of the tokens issued and even a Camp Hay sixpence note, & guess what Harold, its the highest serial number I have recorded in my database C41937, that now makes 86 of these sixpence notes that I know exist, 10 more than previously recorded.

But the item that took my breath away was an old photograph of a piece of artwork. The photo was very faded & unfortunately they had no scanner, but are going to try & locate the negative for me. The artwork was by E.Wittenberg & was an alternative design for a

one shilling note for Camp 7 Hay! Wow!!

However Arthur & Lurline and the other volunteers have no numismatic knowledge. They claim I am the first numismatist to visit, they have had plenty of philatelists though! All of their items were mostly unlabelled and exhibited in dark corners, at opposite ends of the museum, with little or no correlation to each other, or archived. Consequently I volunteered to organise a permanent display for them. Another job to add to the list, (Me & my big mouth)! At least it has given me a great excuse to re-visit, this time without the family! I can foresee a longer rummage through their archives coming! Who knows what else I will find.

ANA Atlanta
by Joe Boling

With all those nice words from Fred Wednesday, I guess I had better get a column written this week. At tonight's meeting of the South King County Coin Club, I showed a Great Lakes Banknote Company product that was available (for a price) at the ANA convention in Atlanta last weekend. On Friday there was a casino night, co-sponsored by three major numismatic firms (whose major dealings are in fabricated metal discs). They paid for the room and the eats (I assume), so that the ANA could pick up all the fees paid by conventioners to attend the event. The cost was \$25, which got you a (very) light buffet and \$500 in player scrip (which had to be exchanged for chips to actually play with). There was also a commemorative ANA chip in a Contain for each player. The scrip was printed by our own GLBNC. Veteran festers would recognize it immediately. By MFC all being in the stacks of unaccessioned stuff a few feet from this keyboard, I can't just pull it out and inspect it. But I can say that many of the designs of the ANA Casino Coupons (ACC) borrow heavily from those of existing MFC. Six denominations were issued - \$1, \$2, \$5, \$25, \$50, and \$100. To make up the \$500 packets, the denominations listed above appeared in the following numbers - 1,2,4,3,4,2 (making \$500). All packets had this mix of denominations - stars and low numbers were spread across the 150 packets (a few stars were not used, there being fewer errors pieces than the number of stars furnished by the printer). The \$1 will be the key for this issue, only 150 having been distributed (many more were printed, so there is a potential for remainders to eventually enter the market). The contractor shipped the notes to ANA in sheets, where they were separated by the convention staffers. This process resulted in some notes being miscut - those were mostly replaced with stars (some notes cut close on the left end were present in too many examples to replace completely, so this minor error may be found in many holdings). Most of the \$1 and \$2 notes were printed in eight-note sheets, four \$1 notes on the left, four \$2 notes on the right. This configuration lends itself to

double denominations - if a printed uniface sheet is turned in the stack before the second side is printed (I don't know whether the backs or the faces were printed first), then all eight notes will have backs that do not match the faces. One such sheet was printed, but its presence was detected during a quality control inspection prior to disbursement, and all such errors were replaced by star notes. There were also a few uniface sheets, where two sheets would go through the press together, resulting in one missing that printing. One sheet missed its face printing, and several missed their backs. All such notes were also replaced with stars. The contractor's salesman (CFS) was willing to let the error printings go into circulation (perhaps thinking that this was a one-off job and he didn't need to worry about repeat business), but the quality control inspector (JEB) felt that it would not be a good example of GLBNC's work to let these notes escape into circulation. All error printings and miscuts that had been removed were delivered to ANA for disposition. Minor varieties exist of the \$50 note (check the bugs on the back, escapees from MFC series 052). Both minor and major varieties exist of the \$1 note, but it is not known whether all of these entered circulation, since the distribution of \$1 notes was so limited. Speaking of series number - the ACC are designated series 061. Can fest VII attendees see a potential connection to the MFC that were issued there? If I were a speculating man (and the GLBNC president has taught me to never anticipate anything from them) I would speculate that ACC may be coin of the realm when students arrive at Summer Seminar this year.

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Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote Question 111: Berlin and Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

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Editorial

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Another week just plain snuck away. Darn they are fast. I was going to tell you a little story about bidding on an item on ebay. I guess I will still tell the story, but it is a little different than I had expected.

Among all too many things, I collect pictures of

military personnel and money. MPC and AMC are favorites, but most any soldiers (also sailors, airmen and marines) and any money are OK. I only have a few. The ones that I had through 1995 are shown in World War II Remembered.

I have found some since then (and of course will use them in Remembered II as appropriate). A few friends know that I collect these photos. Occasionally they find a photo for me especially on ebay. Such a thing happened recently. A friend sent me an ebay item number that was for a fantastic photo of some British soldiers examining Allied military francs that had just been issued to them.

I liked the photo and put in a bid, but there is more to the story. Much more. First, it was amazing. I knew the photo in question. In fact, I had been pursuing the photo for years. I first saw it in D-Day The Invasion in Photographs. Thankfully, there was also a photo credit that the original is in the Imperial War Museum. I tried several times to obtain a print (or nowadays a scan) of it to no avail. I was therefore delighted to see a print on ebay even though the it was cropped differently (substantially) than the one in the book. Nonetheless, I wanted it.

I placed a rather substantial (I thought) bid with a snipe service. I was surprised when I did not win the item. I was astounded when I saw the price realized--\$341! Even though I was a little disappointed, I would not have paid that price for that photo. I might pay that for some photo, but not that one. I have paid on the order of \$100 for some special photos (real special), but so far that is the limit for me.

Wait, there is still more. I planned to put a link to the item or at least the item number here so that you could look at it.

When I went to the item, here is the message that I got:

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Mail Call

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Dear Gram,

RISING PHOENIX. Now that really jerks me around. I borrowed ole Profski's Funk and Wagnals and found out that "it made for itself a funeral pyre when each life span of 500 or 600 years was over." How can you associate me at 39 years of age with a 500-600 year old "animal". You could have said that I just returned from a short sabbatical when the promise was made that pictures would be incorporated into the Gram.

--Bi-Thurski

Dear Editor,

Two weeks without articles from Jim Downey or Joe Boling. What's the story?

David Klinger

Comrade Dave,

No excuse, but we are starting a new five year catch up plan.

Editor

Dear Editor,

Per your request, here is the website for Army Transportation Museum:

<http://www.transchool.eustis.army.mil/museum/museum.html>

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Dear Jim,

Cool, this worked but the sublink did not. Drat.

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DETECTING COUNTERFEIT MPC

by Jim Downey

Counterfeiters are an ingenious bunch. When a new issue of currency is released it seems that the counterfeiters are not far behind. At MPCFest VI Steve Swoish had a remarkable US Army CID file detailing a counterfeiting ring that operated in Italy involving MPC Series 471. Counterfeits of the MPC issued during the Vietnam War are also well documented.

MPC Series 472 was issued in March 1948. EUCOM Weekly Directive No. 26 issued in July 1948 contained an extensive discussion on how to detect counterfeit \$5.00 and \$10.00 notes from Series 472. The text is excerpted in the EUCOM monthly bulletin for July 1948 as follows:

The cooperation of all personnel and dependants is requested to stamp out the circulation of counterfeit military payment certificates in the European Command. The following information and advice is offered to help those interested, and it is requested that any information relative to counterfeits be reported to the nearest criminal investigation detachment for investigation.

No technical experience is necessary to detect a counterfeit. Merely look at or study a genuine certificate occasionally to become more

familiar with its appearance. One outstanding irregularity that can be recognized on a certificate will justify its classification as counterfeit and its detention and further examination by either the Finance Office, Provost Marshal, or the Criminal Investigations Division.

Following are outstanding defects and imperfections which are readily visible to the naked eye which appear on counterfeit \$5 and \$10 certificates recently discovered in the zone. Good military payment certificates look good, while bad military payment certificates look bad.

Counterfeit \$5 certificates [Series 472]. Eagle on face of the certificate:

The blue ink on the wings runs into the solid color and shows no refined engraving lines. The edges of the wings are blunt stubs, abruptly terminated, with no feather edges.

The arrows clutched by the eagles left claw show solid blue. The arrows here are indistinct and crudely executed. No berries are visible on the branch clutched by the eagles right claw.

Base of the eagles tail is solid blue and tail feathers are poorly executed.

The vertical blue stripes on the eagles breast shield are a solid blue. The genuine certificate shows three separate blue lines.

The fishnet design in the border is broken by irregular lines, leaving white blotches and showing an ashen gray color.

The eagle on the back of the military payment certificate is crudely executed with poor engraving and blotchy printing. The vertical stripes of the breast shield on the eagle are solid brown with no rulings. Defects are generally similar to those on the face of the certificate.

Counterfeit \$10 [Series 472]. The face of the certificate:

The ink on the wings of the eagle runs into solid blue and white blotchy spots, void of clear engraving. The edges of the wings show blunt, and rounded feather edges are crudely executed.

The rulings in the vertical stripes of the eagles breast shield are uneven and crudely executed and show no separate arrow shafts. The ink at the base of the eagles tail runs into solid blue.

The eagle on the back of the certificate is crudely executed, the ink runs into solid brown with white blotches, and no clear engraved feather lines are indicated.

There were two things that struck me from the excerpt. The first is that the author did not capitalize military payment certificate. I do not know what the convention is for this. Second, only in the military is it necessary to state the obvious, Good looks good, bad looks bad.

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Answers: see below

Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote uestion 112: I will guess Leo May. Good guess. This is a difficult question. I do not know if there is a source to find the answer. It probably appeared in the Gram and it MIGHT be in Al's Fest money tome, but other than that you had to be there I guess. The answer is Doug Bell. Question 113: Series 471 was orderdc as 462.

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Editorial

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Continuing on with the theme of photos of military personnel being paid or using money, here is an item that someone pointed us to and we bought recently. This is particularly good in that it goes with Judy's developing collection of women and military numismatics. item #6622224054, ESTATE FIND\$\$ 1953 PHOTO USMC WOMEN AT PAY CALL

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Dear Gram,
I have really enjoyed the new columns by Jim Downey and Jack Hunter! These go with Joe's great column and Ski's returning column. You even have a decent column under the heading of editorial (dont let anyone know I said that!).

Harold

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Commentary

by Paul Garner, The Old Sarge

As an old retired GI I must take exception to the comment Second, only in the military is it necessary to state the obvious, "Good looks good, bad looks bad."

Remember, in 1948 most of the military was left over from the mass of draftees from the WW2 years. The average education at the time for the enlisted ranks was 11th grade and had yet to advance to HS graduate by the time that I enlisted in 1954 (I was a dropout with three years of high school).

The EUCOM Weekly Directive No. 26 issued in July 1948 excerpt was a masterpiece of clear writing and did what it set out to do which was to communicate. Using "Good looks good, bad looks bad" set the theme for the excerpt which was that detecting counterfeits is easy if you know what to do. It accomplished its purpose which was to educate. What impressed me, as an old administrative type, was the complete lack of gobblydegook. The excerpt was clear, concise and did what it set out to do.

Capitalizing military payment certificate is actually a bad habit. Technically (and I expect to get a good argument from others on this)

is that the term is actually a pronoun and should not be capitalized. If they had referred to Series 472 Military Payment Certificates, then

it would become a noun and be capitalized. Just military payment

certificate by itself is generic and, therefore, is a pronoun which is

not capitalized. [See editorial]

Sometime in the late 1940s or early 1950s it became habit to

capitalize all sorts of pronouns or semi-pronouns in correspondence. Damned if I know why but I spent many an hour sweating over an old

Smith Corona typewriter trying to get a piece of correspondence past

the Adjutant [not a proper noun and should not be capitalized--smile--Ed]. The rules of English that I had learned in school were

no longer quite correct. It was a case of "There is the Military Way

and there is the civilian way...guess which is right and do it!"

There were a number of instances in which the counterfeit note was

better than the original and circulated side by side with the good

ones. The Confederate \$500 comes to mind. I am sure that there are

others and, with a little thought, I could come up with them. "Good

looks good and bad looks bad" is not always a good rule of thumb nor obvious.

On another note, on behalf of the Texas Numismatic Association I would like to invite ya'll to hold one of your MPCFests [Paul, you are a Gramster--that is close enough to make it your mini Fest! --Ed] at the convention celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the TNA in 2010. The exact date and location is yet to be determined, but it will be sometime in the month of May and probably in San Antonio since clubs there have agreed to host it. We will furnish you a meeting room and you will have free admission to the bourse. You will be most welcome.

Championship Question Corner

Question: Overprints stating "withdrawn from circulation September 18th 1941" appear on notes of what bank? Question 115.

Yesterday's Question:

Answers: see below

Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote : well, it should be easy to get the question from Gram 1454 (no he did not write anything--we (I) just goofed and forgot to put a question in.

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Editorial

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I bet you think that I put Paul up to talking about capitalization! I did not, but I will write a little bit about it here. Numismatists in general are terrible about capitalization. I do not agree with Paul's reasons, but I agree that military payment certificates should not be capitalized, but even I fall into using it with capital letters sometimes. I hate the way that many publications capitalize (for example) the names of the names of grades or conditions like very fine, uncirculated and the like. You might not think that this is important, but I think that it is on many counts. The most important of these is that what we publish represents us to those who read what we write. Educated newcomers must be either puzzled or amazed when they read our publications.

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Mail Call

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Dear Gram,

Just finished reading your article on the German barter notes and Carlson's on the numbering of 691 and 701's. And I must say, I am impressed with both. I noticed one (OK two) small errors in Carlson's article, the first could have been a typo, and is not really that big of a deal. The numbers mentioned for a production run of 8000 sheets to a unit and 84 fractional notes to the sheet still adds up to 672,000

notes, but the quoted number in the article says 684,000... Unless I read it wrong. The other error, he states that the series 691-\$20.00 note was an "allegorical design not previously utilized on paper money." That is incorrect. It could (should) be said that it was not previously used on MPC. The central vignette of an allegorical woman, has been used on an old "broken banknote" circa 1860. I will get the specifics on this note tomorrow, as it will soon be added to my collection.

Other than that, two great articles!

One thing you should do, seeing as how you have their ear, so to speak, campaign a little about having MPC prices included in the "Paper Money Market" supplement. Tell them they are missing the boat on this deal and stop treating us like red-headed stepchildren.

You, Fred, can make this happen. Just imagine, you could do a monthly up to the minute price guide on MPC! Heck, maybe someday they will have to change the name to "MPC Reporter" ! ;-)

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Book Review

by David Klinger

A book with the unusual title SOUR M.A.S.H. AT SEA is the latest addition to my library of military related tomes. It was written by a Supply Corps Officer by the name of Walter "Bud" Stuhldreher. He served aboard the hospital ship USS Haven during the closing days of the Korean War. He was assigned duty as the ship's Disbursing Officer (viz. paymaster).

One chapter in his book relates to an unusual MPC conversion day (C-Day) which took place in 1954. Ensign "Bud" had been briefed into the details of the procedures for use of MPC. But, what he had not known was that hospital ships were not allowed to moor at piers in war zones, and that they were also not allowed to communicate classified information. These rules, from the Geneva Conventions, would impact on the events of this Navy C-Day in 1954. During May of 1954, the USS Haven was anchored at harbor, in Inchon, Korea. One morning a fellow officer rushed in to Bud's stateroom to relate an announcement he had just heard on Armed Forces Radio that all MPC

had to be exchanged today for a new series, or would become worthless! According to Bud's account he went to his C.O. and said "Captain, as I see it, you don't really have a choice. You simply are going to have to let me take the crew's money away from them. By tonight, there can't be a single cent in anyone's pockets, not even the wounded men in the hospital!" Of course, because of his isolation, and communications rules, Bud had not known of the C-Day, and did not have a supply of the new series of MPC to exchange.

"By radio, we soon learned that the Army at Ascom City would issue us the new script [sic]. Also, after a vicious argument, they agreed to remain open until we could get there to pick up the new series." But first, there was the necessity of a "reverse payday", where money would have to be taken from the 500 man crew and like number of patients, which included soldiers from "a half dozen countries." Of particular concern to Bud were "the twenty-or-so Turkish soldiers" who were known by the crew to be "uncooperative, at best". At 1330, the announcement of a reverse payday was announced. All went well, except for the Turks. "They howled with anger"- but finally all the MPC was collected. "There were no poker games that night."

Then, Bud departed, by boat, then truck, with six armed guards from Inchon to Ascom to buy \$200,000.00 of the new money. They didn't return until late that night. "The next day, at 1000 a normal payday was held and the new MPCs were exchanged for the pay chips.- - - The Turks could not believe their good luck." Bud never mentioned which series of MPC were involved. But, based on the dates, it was an exchange from series 481 to 521. Thereport of Turkish, and other foreign soldiers, using MPC aboard a US Navy ship is also news to me. Bud ends the chapter with this claim: "This was the only payday in the history of the US Navy, where money was taken away from sailors!"

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Yesterday's Question: Overprints stating "withdrawn from circulation September 18th 1941" appear on notes of what bank? Question 115.

Answers: Bank of England

Comments from the field: There probably were some comments on this question, but I have not yet found them in the 5662 unread messages in the Gram box (see excuses below). [Ed.]

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Editorial

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As many of you know, time does fly. Every single day I have intended to get a Gram out. There has been plenty to publish, just not enough time. Well, possibly it is not really a matter of time. That excuse usually is just that an excuse for lack of motivation, energy, often money or whatever. I suppose that applies to me too. I have had the time. Probably I have not had the energy or motivation as I worked on other projects. I apologize to everyone one (and yes, we will extend subscriptions.)

I mentioned earlier downsizing my warehouse. That is just about finished. I was working there a few days ago and realized that I should have a small shelf in a certain place. I looked around and saw that I had just the perfect lumber available. Then I realized what the lumber was and laughed. It was a wooden crate in which MPC Series 691 was shipped. It was purchased at a Fest auction and is a prized part of my collection. I laughed not only because I realized that I certainly would not cannibalize it to make a shelf, but also because I realized that I had just completed a reenactment. You can be sure that most of the wooden boxes that delivered MPC (and ALL that delivered MPC to Vietnam) were cannibalized in the way that I imagined at that moment.

In the artillery we used wooden ammunition boxes because that is what we had in finance they used MPC boxes because that is what they had. If it is not a law of war, it is at least a law of soldiering.

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Dear Gramsters, We were informed of the passing of Past ANA President Florence Schook at the age of 88. Florence also served as President of the Central States Numismatic Society and the Michigan State Numismatic Society. She served for many years on all three of these boards and advanced many educational programs, especially YN (Young Numismatists). Florence also had a great impact on the numismatic direction of these important organizations. We will always remember Florence for her tireless work while serving on the boards of the above three organizations. Nancy served with Florence on the ANA Board, and I served with her on the CSNS Board. This dynamic and hard working numismatist was the recipient of all the major awards of the aforementioned organizations. Florence will be greatly missed by her thousands of friends from all over the U. S., and World. She will be forever in our thoughts and memories. With love, prayers and sympathies to the Schook family. Sincerely, John and Nancy Wilson, Ocala, FL. PS MSNS Exhibit Chairman Frank Passic provided information that at www.findagrave.com you can view a photo of Florence Schook, which was provided by Coin World and Beth

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More Old Books

by Jack Hunter

To continue with WW II Allied Military Currency, by
R.S. Toy and C.F. Schwan.

I was trying to find information in the book that
has changed since it was written in 1974.

I was quite surprised to find very few things that
need any updating. Seems that the authors were pretty
good on the subject, even then.

Of course the obvious price changes over the years,
make this book obsolete. But it is still very accurate
information, as far as the entry's go.

One of the things that has been discovered since
then, is on the 651 fractionals, in the book it says
they were not issued, but today we know that they are
available, but in somewhat limited numbers. Some will
say that they were not "issued" at all, but there are
notes that show signs of being in circulation.

On the Greenland Administration notes of 1941-42 the
book lists them as rare to scarce.

While this is true of the 1941 issue (notes w/
embossed seals), it is not so on the Dec. 1, 1942
issue. These notes (with a black seal) have been found
in a small hoard of uncirculated condition. Though
still tough to get, a set can be assembled if you
should want to. More discussion and research is sorely
needed on this issue (s).

Discoveries since the book was written are many,
but even though this book is thirty-two+ years old, it
is still a very good reference that should be in your
library.

One thing I like most about older references, is
that they sometimes cite other books that may be of
interest to like minded collectors.

One in particular, is Neil Shafer's great book on
"Philippines Emergency and Guerilla Currency" also
published in 1974. If you collect notes of this era,
it is the one book you "must have" for the most
complete guide on the subject.

Unfortunately, this book has not been released in a

second edition, so the information is very dated. I think that it is way over due to be revised, and it would be a great book to have. Maybe, as I have said before, Neil and Fred could put there skills to the task, and get this book into the 21st century! I know that it would be added to my library for sure. What about yours? I will have to dig up some more of these antique books for next time...

Book Review: Australian Military Chits by John Yarwood

by John K. Kallman

I figure that I am past due to contribute to the MPC gram now

that I have been receiving it for a while.

I just received a new booklet Australian Military Chits (48 pages, softcover) published by John F. Yarwood

(tremadoc@mail.netconnect.com.au, 72 Baillie St, Horsham, Vil 3400 Australia).

This is a well-documented and researched publication with almost every type of chit illustrated (black and white), with a comprehensive index, military related paper items from Australia proper, to Japan, to Palistine and places in between are included.

The book includes credits, a preface, and an introduction in which actual military regulations are quotoed, chaper and verse! Chapters, if you can call them that, include sections by Military Branch, and physiscal locations. There is much to like about this rather small booklet, and many treasures await the reader inside.

Championship Question Corner

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Yesterday's Question: What Canadian City had Victory bond promotional reichmarks? Question 116.

Answers: see below

Comments from the field: Question: 116: Winipeg in Feb 1942

Bill Myers

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Editorial

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Today (Monday) is the anniversary of the creation of the Women's Army Corps. I learned that last night on War Stories. That is the weekly program on Fox News with Oliver North as the host. It usually is a very

good program. The program Sunday was obviously selected for Mothers' Day. It was about women serving during World War II. It was there that I learned that President Roosevelt sign the legislation allowing women to serve on May 15, 1942.

You may recall that I wrote about Judy collecting post cards from the several WAAC Training Centers. It started when I found one of the cards with the women lined up to be paid! That as a numismatic card that I wanted. It will certainly be illustrated in the next Remembered. That card turned out to be part of a series so we wanted to get them all. We have found a few more and some other things too. The most recent is a nice propaganda (recruiting I suppose) booklet on the Second WAAC Training Center, Daytona Beach, Florida. It was a nice thing to find, but it had a bonus. The post card that we have shows the women standing in line outside a barracks to be paid. This pamphlet has a photo inside with the women being paid. Since it is in the US, they are being paid in typical US notes, but it is still a good picture of a traditional pay parade with anything but traditional payees.

Back to Oliver North. There was only one numismatic scene that I caught. In presenting rationing ration booklets and points were clearly shown. In addition a booklet giving cooking recipes that were rationing friendly was shown. It was the booklet that Festers from Fest VII (I think) will recognize as being printed by Forbes as we learned from the massive Forbes WWII history book that Fester Tolek obtained on ebay.

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Mail Call

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Hi, I seem to have been dropped. Would you please check. My last MPCgram was number 1455.

thank You,

Joel

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THE TAXMAN COMETH

by Jim Downey

A month has now passed since those of us in the United States have had to deal with the annual wrestling match with the Internal Revenue Service. The exercise is pretty routine for most of us. Procrastination takes over and many of us rush at the last minute to meet the impending April 15 deadline to file our return with the IRS. Things were different in the early 1950s. The deadline for individual filers was March 15. The tax collection system of the IRS was decentralized with returns and payments being made to local Collectors of Revenue in each state.

What does any of this have to do with military currency? The following is taken from the March 15, 1953 edition of the Council Bluffs (Iowa) Nonpareil.

Military Certificates Wont Pay Tax Bill

DES MOINES AP An Iowa soldier in Germany tried to pay His federal income tax in 10- and 50-cent bills but the Internal Revenue Bureau Saturday wasnt taking that kind of money.

Military payment certificates for The soldiers \$1.20 tax payment were received at the tax collectors office here along with his tax return. Frank Halpin, Iowa director of internal revenue, said the Army paper money cannot be accepted in payment of taxes. The small denomination bills are marked for use in U.S. military establishments.

However, the soldier wont be getting a bill for the \$1.20. Some effort will be made to liquidate the account, Halpin said.

A similar military money case was solved last month by an employee of the revenue office here. he was allowed to pay the soldiers tax and keep the military certificates for a souvenir.

I doubt the monolithic bureaucracy of the IRS would be so understanding today.

Championship Question Corner

Question: Edmund Blampied designed what notes?

Question 118, difficulty 3.

Yesterday's Question: What role did Colonel Jeff Wiley play in the history of MPC? Question 117. Difficulty 4 (on scale 1-3).

Answers: see below

Comments from the field: Question: 117: Bill Myers wrote that he could not find anything on Colonel Wiley anywhere and he took what he admitted was a guess. Colonel Wiley was the finance officer in Korea when Series 651 was retired. A reort of an interview with him appears in MPC4. Colonel Wiley was a correspondent with Ray Toy and I believe that he is listed as a contributor to Toy 3 (an/or earlier editions). That is a good research question for Jack 21 and the other bibliophiles.

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Editorial

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Jim Downey found another great item for our MPC hunger. In thanking him for the submission I suggested that we might want to consider aiming at a five day per week schedule with the expectation of making it (or coming closer) instead of the target of daily and failing. Certainly four days a week would be a big improvement over what we have had the past few weeks. This is not a decision, it is simply my musing. Your comments, as always, are welcome.

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Mail Call

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Dear Jack;
One additional thing to add to your review.

The "play money" for the Okinawa Credit Reserve was actually used during the invasion of Okinawa and ended when the first pay ship arrived. The reason for the Okinawa Credit Reserve was simple. When the first pay ship arrived, most of the personnel on Okinawa had not been paid for up to 90 days.

The currency was produced by the V-Mail unit using their machines and sponsored by the officers of the unit. At present I know of six dollar notes. There were also small change notes but it appears that none have survived.

I will be writing an article on this shortly for the Texas Numismatic Association News.

Paul Garner
The Old Sarge

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Fellow Philippine Collectors

by Ray Czahor

1. Philippine Collectors Forum needs HELP!! As it stands now, I will not be able to organize nor attend the planned PCF meeting during ANA World's Fair of Money in Denver on Friday, August 18th 1-5PM. My wife's recovery from hip replacement last November has not gone very smoothly and I cannot take time off to attend any shows during 2006. I am very disappointed as this will be the first ANA I will have missed since 1988! (I know how Neil Shafer felt last year when he missed ANA in San Francisco for the first time in many years.)

I therefore need someone to take over the planning for this years meeting now. Howard Daniel (HADaniel3@msn.com) has volunteered to lead the effort and conduct the actual meeting but he will need help in the following activities which need to be planned and executed over the next few months:

--Contact and arrange for speakers--I have a few ideas

--Plan for a 2006 PCF token design, finalize and order them by 15 June--I have an idea but it needs to be fleshed out.

--Develop a detailed agenda and publish in CW, WCN, BankNote Reporter, Numismatic News, and the Numismatist--this needs to be done soon to meet publishing deadlines.

--Solicit donations for the meeting door prizes

--Decide whether to conduct a small auction of Philippine material and set up the auction rules.

--Coordinate setups with the ANA support staff at the Colorado Convention Center. The date and time are already in the ANA's master schedule, meeting room to be announced.

--Coordinate with ANA for a display case for the meeting itself.

--Decide if a PCF table is of interest during the show itself. We did one in Pittsburgh two years ago and it was highly visible and successful.

I have about \$100 from last years donations and it is available to support costs of some activities. Please get back to me soonest so we can coordinate the planning for this important event.

2. I have received and number of excellent consignments for for Philippine Mailbid IV. I expect to have over 1500 lots of coins, errors, patterns, tokens, medals, Regular Under US and Guerilla currency, JIM, stamps, paper collectibles, and many books and albums. I will accept consignments through Mary 9th but that is the absolute deadline. I plan to mail out the mailbid list in June. I know that there will be expanded sections including a fantastic group of errors on Philippine coins and a military and commercial token collection including many scarce pieces. Also to be offered is the largest group of genuine 1906S Pesos to be offered in a long time. Consignors are charged only 15% of the awarded price of the lot but only if it sells. Let me know of any questions. For last sale, Mailbid VIII, I received over \$165,000 in bids from 181 bidders with over \$88,000 in awarded bids.

3. I have in stock the following books/study if you are interested:

a. Newly offered: Copy of "Report of The Special Mission to the Philippines" printed by the Manila Bureau of Printing in 1921. Large in size: 8 1/2 by 14 inches, consisting of 28 pages including a large color map showing all the places and how traveled, by the mission team. The mission was to investigate whether the Philippines should be given independence and covered all aspects of the country including education, government, history, etc. Interesting sections included on the Culion Leper Colony, the financial system and particularly problems of operation of the Philippine National Bank. Cost is \$18 Postpaid in the US and \$20 overseas.

b. Lyman Allen's 5th (2005-2006) edition of "US/Philippine Coins". This edition contains new varieties and updated certified coins' listings from the different grading services and also includes information from my 1906S research study. Price is \$27 Postpaid to US and APO/FPO addresses. Price to Overseas addresses is \$30 for airmail postage.

c. "History and Mintage Philippine Counterstamped Coins 1828-1839" by Quint Jose MA. Oropilla Y Fortich, M.D. It is well researched containing original

archival documents, many photos, and important information about counterstamped coins never before published. This is a large (9 1/2 by 12 1/2 inches) hardbound 225 page book weighing about 4 lbs for shipping. For any Philippine or Spanish Colonies collector having interest in this unique series, you need this book. Cost in the US is \$120 plus \$5 for insured book rate.

d Also available: "The Philippine 1906S Philippine Peso, Die Characteristics: Genuine and Fake", August 2004. I initially presented this research study at PCF 2004. It has 21 pages with 13 of those color photographs. Cost is \$8.00 postpaid within US and \$10.00 overseas.

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Question: Who wrote the WWII numismatics book before Ray Toy? Question 119, difficult 3.

Yesterday's Question: Edmund Blampied designed what notes? Question 118, difficulty 3.

Answers: see below

Comments from the field: Question 118: States of Jersey notes during the German occupation. Bill Myers

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Editorial

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With all of the hub hub over the release of the DaVinci code movie, the boss and I made an infrequent trip to the local multiplex (20 miles) There we saw RV. I could not find anything numismatic in this movie except to tell you that it looked very much like Fred n Judy heading down the road. When you see this movie now or on DVD if you think Judy n Fred you will not be far off. =====

Mail Call

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Dear Gram,

Regarding the article in MPCGram 1457 about the Women's Army Air Corps, attached is a copy of my mother's (Betty Loney, later Pender) " *leave 'pending discharge from service' ". She was in the Women's Royal Air Corps in London. The document is dated 8/6/43 (June 8, 1943).

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Distribution of FRNs

by Joe Boling

This column was written 27 April and buried in the Port Clinton black hole. When unburied, the editor found he could not deal with the table I submitted, so the table has been truncated below. It originally showed distribution of notes by Federal Reserve district - it has been compressed to show only totals. Next starteth the original text.
Sorry to be late again. We had the PNNA regional convention here last weekend, and I was swamped all weekend and well into this week taking care of treasurer things. And as for the past several years, I have a report on the Federal Reserve notes in circulation in the Pacific NW in the spring.

2006 PNNA convention receipts

\$1
1995 4
1999 22
2001 48
2003 112
2003 * 1
2003A 68
255
\$5
2001 4
2003 14
2003A 2
20
\$10
1999 2
2001 1
2003 5
2004A 5
13
\$20

1996 10
1999 10
2001 13
2004 49
82
\$50
1996 2
2004 2
2004A 2
6 \$100
1990 3
1996 1
1999 1
2001 4
2003A 2
11

total notes 387

Note that of the 387 notes processed, there was only a single star (in \$1 denomination). I actually did not get to go through another hundred singles - someone bought them out of the till (probably swapping them for 20's). I have no idea why he wanted a bundle of singles to play with. This is the first year I have sorted the notes by district [not visible in the table]. For \$1 notes, the recent series are heavily skewed to San Francisco notes (the district that Seattle is in). Other districts whose notes show some significant penetration of the northwest are New York, Atlanta, Chicago, and Dallas. Note that for denominations below \$100, not one old-style note was taken in (three of eleven 100s were old style). I DID note that the bills seemed to be a little less worn this year - a lot fewer rags and more pieces with some body left in them. I was surprised at the number of new tens in the sample - five of thirteen notes. That seems to be higher than what I find in notes passing through my wallet. I was particularly interested in examining the \$1 notes this year, and comparing them with \$100 notes that I have been going through looking for oddities (the object being to identify which oddities might be legitimate manufacturing variances). More on that another week.

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Question: What military numismatics collectible was issued in the Netherlands as a result of Status of Forces of agreements stemming from World War II?
Question 120, difficulty 3.

Yesterday's Question: Who wrote the WWII numismatics book before Ray Toy? Question 119, difficulty 3.

Comments from the field: Question 119 Who wrote the WWII numismatics book before Ray Toy? Question 119, difficulty 3.

Bill Myers wrote: Arlie Slabaugh wrote on JIM in 1965 and James Rutlader [not no n] wrote about Allied Military Currency in 1968. [Quite correct information, but not the right answer, read on]. Jack Hunter wrote: Alfred Swails wrote the first WWII numismatics book.

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You might have noted in other publications (sigh) that Nancy Green has retired as the librarian of the American Numismatic Association. That announcement was one of those items that is difficult for me to decide to run or not run as a news story. We try to keep military numismatics at the center of our news reports. When it is a close call, the next criteria is the extent that the item will be covered in other publications. In retrospect, I wish that I had run the story. However, not running it makes it easier for me to address the matter here.

I remember when Nancy Green first joined the association staff. She had an immediate and positive impact. Her predecessor had done a fine job, but Nancy was our first trained librarian to fill that position for the association. She led the library into the 21st century. She introduced many things to the library, but I think her most important quality was a can do attitude. She and her various staff members really (REALLY) went out of their way to help with inquiries large and small. Along the way Nancy became something of a numismatist collecting library medals (I like them too).

Nancy, thank you for your service to the hobby.

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Mail Call
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Dear Gram,

Before I started writing articles on propaganda notes for the IBNS Journal I used to write about propaganda postage stamps. I just put a very light general article on the Internet. One leads to the other because the same people producing the banknotes were often the ones printing the stamps too. Take a peek at <http://www.psywar.org/stamps.php>
Herb Friedman

Dear Gram Readers,

I wanted to let you know that LKCA World Paper Money's World Sale 8 will be closing on Thursday, May 25 at 11:00 PM Central Time on the www.lkcaworldpapermoney.com website. This is a later end time than usual.

We offer many highlights for Gram readers. An appealing section of United States MPC includes a REPLACEMENT Series 472 25 Cents, with only two reported in the MPC Catalog; high grade REPLACEMENT Series 541 25 Cents; Series 691 four note set 1; 5;

10; 20 Dollars UNC; and REPLACEMENT 20 Dollars Series 692 Chief Ouray.

The sale contains pleasing AMC lots, including an Austria group with the scarce 25 Schilling, 1 Schilling without watermark, and several other choice pieces in a single lot; French 5; 10; and 100 Francs REPLACEMENTS in separate lots; difficult German 20 Mark REPLACEMENT heading that section; quality run from Italy; and three lots from Japan.

Some notable World War II era items are four important lots from East Africa, including India serial numbers and higher denominations; French West Africa 1000 Francs with ships and train; Guadeloupe 5 Francs with Columbus made by EA Wright; Norway Government in Exile 1; 2; 5; 10 Kroner; highly elusive German made military issues from Romania; three scarce pieces from Saar; Seychelles 50 Cents; 1; 5 Rupees with King George VI; Surinam American Bank Note Company series, including the seldom offered 25 Gulden; and Yugoslavian Montenegro partisan issue in pristine condition.

Please contact me at grbaypa@aol.com or 414-350-6980. Thank you for your attention.

Joel Shafer

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MPC Pin Ups

by Jim Downey

One of the reasons that many people collect paper money is the intricacy and appearance of the designs and artwork that appear on notes. MPC is no exception to this. It is true that the early series are rather dull and uninteresting, but the later issues are attractive. Particularly attractive are the women that appear on some of the later series.

Collectors were not the only people who were interested in the vignettes that appeared on MPC. The following article appeared in the April 28, 1968 edition of Pacific Stars & Stripes. Although it does not contain any new information, it is interesting to note that the users of MPC had some of the same questions that collectors have. It appears that they were disappointed with the answers, however.

MPC Gals Nobodies

TOKYO (S&S) Cant place the face? Well heres the revelation. If anyone asks the names of the dames on the military payment certificates (MPC), the answer is Misses Nobody. The disgruntling fact is, Army comptrollers reveal, those lovely gals on the \$1, \$5 and \$10 bills do not, and have never existed. From the dreamy young queen of the \$1 to the regal dame on

the \$10, the faces are merely prototypes, chosen from Bureau of Printing and Engraving cuts to discourage counterfeiting. Any resemblance between these girls and any living person is coincidental. A real lady has never adorned the military dollar, with the possible exception of the first MPC issue in 1946 which was impossible to verify.

MPC is used today by servicemen in Japan, Korea, Vietnam and Libya. Only Vietnam still uses MPC notes in place of U.S. silver coins. The present Series, the eighth, was issued in January 1964. Series are usually changed about every four years.

It is odd that they could not verify the information concerning Series 461 which does not have a woman pictured on it. Apparently, the authors sources did not have any pictures of Series 461. Since they verified that Series 471 also did not have a real lady on it the sources also did not know that the designs of Series 461 and Series 471 are identical.

Championship Question Corner

Question: What series of MPC is known to have had full packs of 100 notes find their way into collector's hands? Question 121, difficulty 2.

Yesterday's Question: What military numismatics collectible was issued in the Netherlands as a result of Status of Forces of agreements stemming from World War II? Question 120, difficulty 3.

Comments from the field: Question 120, Bill Myers wrote 1,5,25 Gulden Ministerie Van Oorlog notes. [cool, I was caught off guard by this answer and would also have been at March Madness I believe. I also believe that Bill sent in this wrong answer to make us think. The correct answer is AAFES Gasoline Coupons. The key point is that the Ministerie van Oorlog notes were not issued in the Netherlands. They were issued in Germany. There is one slight additional twist/problem. The Dutch coupons were also sold (issued) in Germany (and other NATO countries for that matter). Still I think that the question is satisfactory and the answer should be as given. If there are any arguments, let us have them now! That is one purpose for this question corner.--Ed]

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Editorial

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Busted. I have put it off as long as I could. I have mentioned several times about downsizing our warehouse. When I work on the warehouse I can wear only clothing approved by the headquarters commandant. It is a very strict rule.

I put on the prescribed uniform and headed for the warehouse. I stopped at Fest Headquarters (the Holiday Inn Express) for some 2007 coordination. I could not believe it when the maintenance man challenged me with his Fest coin immediately upon entering the building! Yes, I had the prescribed uniform but NOT my challenge coin. Disgraced. To make matters worse, I continued to the warehouse where Cuneyd Tolek was waiting (I had put him to work too). He promptly challenged me. I failed two challenges in 15 minutes in my hometown. I have stated many times that the only way to be challenge proof is to carry your coin always. You never know when you will need it.

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Mail Call

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Dear Gram,
I have not received a Gram in a few months.

Howard Daniel

Dear Gram,
I just wanted to make a comment that Jim White (2006 Fest attendee) was one of a recent group of very distinguished people portrayed in Numismatic News in a group photo in a recent issue. Jim and the rest of the group were pictured with the governor of Oklahoma , Brad Henry at a recent meeting to pick out a design for the up coming 2008 Okla quarter. I don't want to start any rumors :-) but it cost me dearly to have the initials sjf (sammy joe feedback) inserted in micro mini letters somewhere on the oil derrick. The question will be ? Will the initials jsw (james s white) be above or below mine? :-)

What does any of this have to do with military numismatics? My friend Jim White was in the USMC during world war ll and was sent to Okinawa where he was wounded 3 different times. Another time he was serving as a runner and a jap tried to stop his running activity , but only succeeded in ruining a whole carton of cigarettes. It was Jim who stopped the japs activity with an m-1 carbine. Jim is a numismatist (coin collector) and was definitely military . I am very gratefull to call Jim White my friend , and he is one of the best open sight rifle shooters I have known in my life, if not the very best. He has competed at Camp Perry (Port Clinton) about 17 times.

Sam Feedback

Dear Gram,
Regarding Joe's report: I find your study of circulating paper money interesting. I came into possion of quite a few 1950 \$10's a while back. I have a couple local banks who save old bills for me. I saved the best and spent the rest. The intersting part is in the spending. The store clerks have already forgotten about the older series of notes and what is genuine. I fould that in the outlying areas of Texas they would study them hold them up to the light, think for a long time about wether to take them or not!! Some would run the counterfiet pen across and declare "this one may be a fake" as the ink indicator was positive. In the end they all took them as cash. In the city they took them without much fuss.

-John Cheney

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MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE TO A FELLOW
COLLECTOR

by Jim Downey

I served with the United States Army from 1995 to 1999. My first duty station was in the Western Corridor of Korea with a cavalry squadron. The rest of my service I was assigned to the 202d Military Intelligence Battalion at Fort Gordon, Georgia. I was an intelligence analyst with Company C. Charlie Companys mission was the interrogation of prisoners of war. This is where I first met Sgt. Ken Hobson. Ken was an Arabic interrogator. Most of the Arabic interrogators in the company had gone through training together and they were a pretty tight-knit group. As an analyst, I was an outsider to them. Shortly after I arrived at the unit in 1996, the company was reorganized so that analysts were assigned to each of the interrogation platoons. Prior to this, the analysts were part of the headquarters platoon. I was detailed to First Platoon where Ken was a squad leader. Ken was an amiable guy. He was intelligent and had a great sense of humor. He was married to a woman who had also been in the service. They had a young daughter. He was a tremendous artist who worked primarily in watercolors. I attended the Blue Ridge show in Dalton Georgia in 1997. There I acquired one of the notes issued by General Charles Gordon for the siege of Khartoum in 1885. The notes are printed in Arabic. I showed it to Ken to get a translation. This led to a general discussion of paper money collecting. My

collection was back in Wisconsin but I had a handful of material that I was able to show him. He was fascinated by the artistry of the notes. It did not take long before he was hooked. I sent for my group of duplicate notes which was little more than junk box material. Ken went through it like a kid in a candy store. In addition to the colorful notes, he had an affinity for German inflation notes from the 1920s. When the new Pick catalog came out, I gave him my previous edition. Many of you know that I learned the paper money hobby from Neil Shafer. I have identified myself as a disciple of Neils. Ken was my first convert and I was excited to be able to share the hobby with him.

Aside from being a collector, Ken also helped create a set of training notes that were used during one of the battalion exercises. I had made an off-hand suggestion that the role players for the exercise should have currency along with the other items they were given as part of their characters. Ken and another interrogator made a set of notes on the computer. Ken was all about experiencing new things. He had a bit of an adventuresome streak in him. He applied for and was accepted into the Defense Attache Service. The Defense Attaches are the military representatives at the American embassies around the world. It is a significant position in the U.S. military.

After completing his training, Ken had a choice of three assignments. Two of them were in areas where there was an active conflict -- one was Bosnia, I do not recall the other. He chose to avoid the war zones. On August 7, 1998, Ken went to work at the embassy as usual. It is doubtful that he paid any attention to the vehicle that pulled up beside his office on the busy Nairobi street outside. At approximately 10:45a.m., a bomb hidden in that vehicle was detonated tearing through the embassy building. Back in Georgia, the battalion was preparing for its Organization Day. For those of you who were not in the service, Organization Day is the military equivalent of the company picnic. It is a day of games, food and fun. As the festivities began word of the bombing and apprehension about Ken's safety spread throughout the battalion. Details out of Nairobi were sketchy. In

one of the first televised scenes from Kenya, Ken's wife Deb could be seen running towards the embassy building amid the chaos after the blast. That night, Peter Jennings would be the first person to tell me that my friend and comrade Sergeant Ken Hobson of Lamar, Missouri perished in the explosion. I have always wanted to do a numismatic

tribute for Ken. At one time, I considered exhibiting the notes from his collection at the St. Louis show since he was from Missouri. I never got up the nerve to ask his wife about them, though. Now I have finally accomplished that mission.

Championship Question Corner

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Philippine VICTORY notes? Question 122, difficulty 2.

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have had full packs of 100 notes find their way into
collector's hands? Question 121, difficulty 2.

Comments from the field: Question 121, Bill Myers
series 611 5 & 10 cents, \$1 replacements. The
whereabouts of the latter is listed as unknown. Bill
Myers [The 5 and 10 cent packs were distributed to
collectors--Ed]

Mike Payton wrote: Complete packs of all series 681
notes were disbursed, I believe, by Ed Hoffman. Many
of these last two matched serial numbered sets were
sold in an IBNS auction. That's where I obtained my
first set of 681 notes, for around \$55!!!
Sometimes being an old fart has its advantages...
[I had to go back to look at the question after
receiving Mike's Reponse. What a hoot. First there was
a typo (ok, not such a strange thing in the Gram) with
three ls in collector. Mike was right. I had intended
to ask about packs of REPLACEMENTS that have been
distributed to collectors. That is the question that
Bill answered! The question that Mike answered cannot
be fully answered. Many packs of Series 472 5c and 661
\$5 certificates have been distributed to collectors.
Probably packs of 5 cent certificates made it back to
the collector market for most, but not all, series. I
know that a pack of 461 \$10 certificates was broken up
in the 1970s. Paul Garland swore that he imported a
pack of Series 661 \$10 notes. Merv Reynolds searched
(but did not keep/send to the states) countless
bundles of 692 notes, and yes, Ed Hoffman had bundles
of at least the small values. I also once purchased a
set of bundles of Series 681 5 cents through \$20! I
advertised sets of these notes (one note each
denomination 5 cents - \$20) at \$55 or two sets for
\$100 (or maybe even \$95). At the summer seminar two
years ago, a student told me that he had purchased a
pair of the sets--and no, he did not want to sell
either or both of them.--Ed]

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Editorial

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Company C, 192nd Tank Battalion was an obscure
little Army reserve organization in October 1941 when
it was deployed to the Philippines. The 42 men who
left eventually fell to the Japanese. The survivors of
the fighting endured the Bataan death March, then
captivity in Japan and many of the few survivors were
eventually sent to labor camps in Japan. I am not sure
how many of the 42 men survived to return to their
home town. I do know that only one has survived to be

honored by his little town today, Memorial Day 2006.
That person is Joe Hrupcho. Mr. Hrupcho was one of
my boy scout leaders. I grew up four houses down from
him on Laurel Avenue. Yes, Company C was the reserve
unit from Port Clinton.

The first time that I heard of Bataan was when a new
elementary school was built only one short block from
our house on Laruel Avenue. I asked my mother about
the very strange name for a school. She gave me a
short explanation which included the first mention
that I ever heard of Company C, 192nd Tank Battalion.
Thank you Joe Hrupcho, thank you Company C, thank
you all who gave your today for my tomorrow.

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Mail Call

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Dear Gram,

Enjoyed the article by Jim on "Women on MPC." Just
recently I was talking to a Vietnam veteran and he
said he had one of the MPC notes with "Marilyn
Monroe" on it. Didn't know what he was talking about
until we got out the book and he picked out the Series
611 \$10.

Take Care, Ron

Dear Gram,

You probably have this, but I thought I would send
it anyway. I don't know it's accuracy.

Happy collecting!

Don

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New resources

by Joe Boling

A fester has been recognized for service to numismatics - Dick Dunn received the Ontario Numismatic Association's "Award of Merit," the ONA's highest award, at their convention 21-23 April 2006. Congratulations, Dick. I have been blessed for several years with NOT having the Indianapolis 500 clutter up my Memorial Day

weekend. This was my last such year - unless I skip town, in the future I will have the race to contend with.

Last weekend I was over in Idaho for a nephew's wedding. While there, my brother took me to visit a family that had several trays of 35mm slides and two photo albums that had been assembled by their father, LtJG Clinton L. Sept, during 1945-49 in the Pacific. They had called my brother, who had called me, asking where they might find a home for these. I told John that under no circumstances should they discard these materials - and they are now sitting a few feet away from me. I have not had time to go through the slides yet, but I will certainly be looking for new images for the next edition of WWII Remembered. After mustering out, this fellow got a job as a contractor with Philco. One of the albums illustrates a Pacific tour through Hong Kong, Shanghai, Peiping, Okinawa, and Guam. In most locations he put a map and clippings from tour books into his album - and paper money. While in China in May 1948, customs gold units were trading at 20:1 against CNC yuan (a 250 CGU note was worth 5000 yuan). He has a stack of notes inserted in the book marked "\$126,000 - or 12 cents" (the exchange rate at that time being 1,550,000 yuan to the dollar). On his Shanghai hotel bill is a rubber stamp saying "CN\$1 should be read CN\$1,000." In other words, his room rate, recorded as 4500 yuan/day, was actually 4,500,000 yuan (\$2.90) per day (which probably seemed pretty steep at the time). That was for this week, fifty-eight years ago - 27-31 May 1948. I love this kind of contemporary documentation.

Championship Question Corner

Question: What figure is on the (British printed) 5000 franc AMC? Question 122, difficulty 2.

Yesterday's Question: What denominations were issued for Philippine VICTORY notes? Question 122, difficulty 2.

Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote: 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 500 pesos. Bill Myers Jack Hunter wrote: Seems to me that the Victory notes run from P1 thru P500 with the latter being pretty darn rare. [At first I thought that Jack was giving Pick numbers which would have been a real no-no, but then I understood that he meant 1 thru 500 pesos. That would not work in March Madness either. Sure it shows that he knew the top and bottom, but did he know that there was a 2?--Ed]

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Editorial

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Joe's column should have been new old resources. Or should it be old new resources? In any case, I certainly agree with Joe about the importance of such

personal archives to history.

Today I found a little version of this myself. I was dumping a bunch of financial records etc from the 1970s and 80s (a continuation of the warehouse project talked about a few weeks ago). Among those documents, I found plenty of old personnel correspondence files. In those days I used onion skin carbon paper to keep copies of correspondence. Now that we have progressed to email, I mostly keep no copies at all of correspondence. Anyway, I found quite a few letters to/from Ray Toy, Harry Coleman and others. I will at least sort these out and archive them (or send them to a literature collector). I expect that I will find some good information for commentary here in the Gram too.

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Mail Call

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Dear Gram,

A couple weeks back, I spoke with Fred and explained that it may be useful to have an informal Gram gathering at Memphis. It would NOT be anything elaborate...simply an excuse to meet and have some fun. Of course, it helps that there is an outstanding selection of Gram-relevant material offered at Memphis. These pieces will be sold on Saturday night, June 17.

I have to add an aside-I never thought that world paper money would receive the honor of being sold on Saturday night. It had been relegated to Thursday night during the years we had floor sales. More than a few bidders commented on how they wanted to see world paper sold on either Friday or Saturday; well, NOW IS YOUR CHANCE! Plan on coming in person to attend this sale-it will be worth the effort.

I will be writing several articles to highlight some special Memphis, Gram-relevant pieces. The first covers the French Guiana 1000 Francs of 1942 (#15) in LOT 2106, the World War II Remembered plate note. As stated in the lot description, only four are reported for this large size type in that source, and only one other with this signature combination.

I have not seen this E.A. Wright type offered for years and would have to speculate that the few others are held in VERY strong hands. According to WWII, two were offered in the Thomas collection.

It is worth noting that the Martinique 1000 Francs counterpart hammered in our internet World Sale 6 for \$3200; six of the Martinique are reported in World War II Remembered, not including that piece.

This note keys a strong selection not only from French Guiana, but also French colonies as a whole. We offer a rare Guiana 5 Francs with Justice in LOT 2104. A couple mysterious Algeria types from the World War II era in LOTS 2001 and 2002, highly elusive French Equatorial Africa 1000 Francs in LOT 2103, outstanding French Indochina, Guadeloupe 500 Francs in

LOT 2129, Martinique 100 Francs in LOT 2189, and an appealing selection from an old time Morocco collection are also among the highlights from this region.

Please contact me at grbaypa@aol.com or 414-350-6980 if you have any questions. Thank you.

Joel

Dear Gram,

Memorial Day weekend was rather quiet in the Balbaton household. Got to watch Indy 500, RED Sox game and a bunch of stuff on the military history channel. Even got to see a great program about Medal of Honor winners/awardees on the Trinity Broadcasting Network!! Everything was going smoothly until the 18:00 hrs newscast out of one of the Boston, Mass. stations. With all the sacrifices made by those that have come before us and by many military of the present day, consider this.

They had a segment about a lady and her family that was staying at a campground at/on Cape Cod, Mass. This lady's complaint was that the campground was swarming with those worms that make their homes in trees. She swore up and down that she would never stay in this particular campground again.

As I watched this I thought how shallow of an existence this person must have to complain as she did, and the TV station was just as bad in featuring her "story." It looks as tho her weekend was a God given right that was not supposed to be messed up by some worms. What a priority.

Richard
U.S. Army 1956-1962

Dear Richard,

Thanks for writing. I expected that I would get myself in trouble with my Memorial Day editorial without any numismatic content. Oh well. At first I could not find any numismatic content in your otherwise nice letter, but I was wrong! You mention medal of honor (clearly a numismatic topic) and you said something else of possible military numismatic interest. You mention watching the military history channel. I might be way behind, but not only do I not receive and our cable company not offer such a network, I also have never heard of it. Is there really a military history network? Sounds like a good source for background information and even occasionally direct numismatic info. Thanks for the tip.

Editor

Gram,

If you receive FUNTOPICS (or even if you do not) the

summer 2006 issue has an article I wrote on POGs. The MPC connection is that I mention the vignette of 681 \$1 & \$10 appear on POGs. It was written before the 8th printing was released which has the vignette from the 681 \$5. In fact the POG with the 681 \$1 vignette is on the cover.

Bill Myers

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THE GERMAN INVASION OF WINNIPEG

by Jim Downey

During WWII, bond rallies were held throughout the United States and Canada to raise money for the war effort. These ranged from small, local affairs to large festivals attended by thousands at places like Madison Square Garden complete with appearances by celebrities. The most elaborate bond rally was that held in Winnipeg, Manitoba on February 19, 1942. At 6:00a.m. on February 24, Winnipeg residents awoke to the sounds of military vehicles and the click-click of jackboots on the pavement. The vanguard of a large German invasion force entered the city. Overhead the Luftwaffe flew bombing missions. By 6:30, the Winnipeg military reserves had responded to the attack and took positions along a 3-mile defensive perimeter. At 7:03, the opposing forces made their first contact as a battery of Canadian artillery opened fire on the invaders. The German assault was relentless and by 7:45 the defenders were forced to withdraw to a 2-mile perimeter. The city saw heavy fighting including the demolition of 3 bridges and several public buildings. (There were actual explosions and rubble strewn about to simulate the demolition.) At precisely 9:00a.m. resistance in the city crumbled. The German swastika was raised over the city and the Nazi occupation of Winnipeg began. The Germans wasted little time establishing control over the city. Troops stormed the Manitoba provincial legislature building where the premier, his ministers and the legislators were taken captive. Also captured was the Norwegian ambassador to the United States who was meeting with the premier. Stormtroopers also raided the Winnipeg city hall where the mayor and councilmen were also taken prisoner. All of the government officials were carried off to concentration camps. Winnipeg was renamed Himmlerstadt and Erich von Nueremburg was named the Gauleiter of the city. The imposed a reign of terror on the ordinary citizens of Winnipeg. Orders requiring all citizens to register with the occupation authorities were issued. Movement was restricted and controlled by Wehrmacht checkpoints. The local media was taken over by the Nazi propaganda machine. Churches were ordered closed. Soldiers raided the Carnegie Library and burned books in the public square. Those who resisted were taken away. The occupation authority posted proclamations imposing the

death penalty for resistance. Possession of firearms and leaving the province were made capital offenses. Stocks of food including store inventories were confiscated. The Manitoba wheat crop was impounded. Food was rationed and all excess foodstuffs were earmarked for transport back to the Reich. The occupation authority also issued occupation currency. The notes were copies of the German currency with Occupation Reichsmark overprinted on them. All of the observed notes are 10 RM and have the same serial numbers X-09534432. (The 10 RM note is shown on page 199 of World War II Remembered.) Reports indicate the currency was paid out to citizens by the occupation authorities and banks. The occupiers would only accept Canadian currency in return. The invasion lasted the entire day with large parts of the city participating along with local military units. The local reserve units used it as a preparedness exercise. There were only two casualties a sprained ankle and a cut finger. How realistic was the invasion? The organizers were so concerned that the radio broadcasts done as part of the exercise would be taken seriously and cause a panic in the outside world (similar to Orson Welles War of the Worlds broadcast in 1939) that law enforcement agencies as far away as North Dakota and Minnesota were warned in advance in order to respond to their citizens who heard the broadcasts. At the end of the day, a huge bond rally was held with the Norwegian ambassador as the keynote speaker. The amount of coordination and planning for this event must have been tremendous. In addition to the currency there was other ephemera printed including ration cards, ID and registration materials, military proclamations, etc. Similar events on a lesser scale were held throughout the Province of Manitoba on the same day. The official title of the event was IF Day.

From a fundraising standpoint, the day was a huge success. Manitoba far exceeded its quota for the campaign. In 2006 the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation produced a documentary on IF Day. I am sure that many Gramsters would like to see it if one of our Canadian readers can get a hold of one.

Championship Question Corner
Question: Where was the Allied military 2-franc note printed? Question 124, difficulty 1.

Yesterday's Question: What figure is on the (British printed) 5000 franc AMC? Question 123, difficulty 2.

Comments from the field: Bill Myers writes Mariann in rubble. [Mariann is a good answer to any March Madness question about France when you do not know the answer (grin)--Ed.]

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Editorial

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The media is having a field day with the 6.6.06 date. It is cute and we certainly have played a lot with numbers in the MPC community, but the biggest news about that date to me is that it is the anniversary of that day of days D-Day. The term commands respect. Every year I comment on it (I should get Ed Beaman to dig up all of the old comment and rerun them thus saving me an editorial, and you never know one of them might have been good).

Beyond the heroism and sacrifice, or perhaps because of it, I love the numismatic connections to D-Day. Specifically the Allied military francs prepared specifically for that day. Among those notes I like the simple 2 franc the best. Every single piece that I see screams (more likely whispers) I was there. Adding to my appreciation of the note is the fact that many soldiers, sailors, and airmen also recognized the significance of these note and sent home examples to family members as perfect souvenirs of their experiences. We know this messages that are commonly found on 2 franc AM notes. I really like those.

There is no better time or example of history in your hands. =====

Mail Call

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Dear Gramsters,

My wife (she who must be obeyed) and I just attended her 50th year college reunion in Santa Monica, California. She attended a small all-girls college. I was along for moral support and to help with the driving. The first night (before the big affair), we had an informal dinner of about 20 of her classmates (and I was the only male). We all sat together at one big table. In the course of dinner conversation, in answer to a question, I mentioned I collect military numismatics, particularly MPC. I opened my mouth to explain when the lady to my immediate right announced that MPC meant Military Payment Certificates. You can imagine - I was speechless. And before I could recover my wits, she announced that she had been through a C Day. Who would have expected this in this environment?

I had to know the whole story. She was married to an Air Force communications officer. They were stationed in Japan in the early 1960s. He was on the graveyard shift at the time in a classified facility. One evening Armed Forces radio that all should stand by for a special announcement the next morning. So the next morning it was announced that this was Conversion Day and all U.S. military personnel must take all their MPC to a central point for exchange by 0800. It was made clear that the current series MPC would be worthless after that time.

So my new lady friend frantically scurried about the house collecting all the MPC she could find. She

couldn't contact her husband so she ran next door and gave her money to her neighbor (also military) to turn in for her. She said the prospect of immediately being broke was one of the most harrowing experiences of their military service.

I have only used MPC in a combat zone. I guess I have never thought about the issues associated with MPC and conversion in a theater with dependents. There must have been many situations similar to the one story I have cited. Situations wherein several family members have MPC and are in different locations. The service member may be TDY and the spouse at home. Children at boarding school or traveling. I suspect there were provisions for this sort of thing and my new friend was not in as desperate straits as she envisioned. Still, it is a good story.

Oh yes, I did ask her if she still had any MPC and she said no.

Warner

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Odds and ends

by Joe Boling

Strange as it might seem, one Medal of Honor, awarded posthumously, was unclaimed for decades. It was awarded to Seaman Peter Tomich for action aboard the USS Utah during the attack on Pearl Harbor. Tomich was an immigrant from the Balkans, with no known relatives in the US. According to a tiny article in The Week (12 May 2006), "The Navy has now located Tomich's distant cousin, Srecko Tonic, a retired lieutenant colonel in the Croatian army. The chief U.S. naval officer in Europe, Adm. Henry Ulrich, will present Tonic with the medal in a ceremony aboard the aircraft carrier Enterprise." Nice touch - a military man ought to really appreciate it.

<http://www.medalofhonor.com/PeterTomich.htm>

Want to design a pog for AAFES? Through 31 July AAFES is soliciting photographs to be used for future pog issues. From the 12 June Army Times: "You can submit digital images to aafespog@harperhouse.com (put "AAFESPOG Contest" in the subject line);...." [They also give a snail mail address.] Include information about where and when it was taken, what's happening in the picture and identities of the people shown. Also include an e-mail address, postal address, and telephone number so AAFES can notify you if you win. Two first-prize winners will each score a \$1,000 AAFES gift card; two will get \$750 gift cards; and six will get \$50 gift cards. For more information see

www.aafes.com." Nowhere does it say that the contest is restricted to AAFES-authorized customers, though the prize schedule sort of excludes civilians. Maybe the web site has more restrictions. It also does not say that original artwork is acceptable, but I was thinking what a coup it would be for David Schwan, designer of much MFC, to get some of his work on a pog. Finally, the 37-cent Purple Heart stamp has been reissued in 39-cent denomination. I bought a couple sheets of them last week

On The Value of Barter Units

by Kenneth J. Berger

For many years, I have been searching for the value of the German Barter Units. In other words, exactly how much was a barter unit worth, i.e. what was the exchange rate between German Barter Units and U.S. Dollars. I asked currency dealers; I asked our esteemed editor; I asked the Gramsters. Nobody has ever been able to give me answer. This has been most frustrating. Well, finally, I believe I have found part of the answer.

In searching the internet, I found the following website:

<http://www.le.ac.uk/ulmc/ijccr/vol7-10/ijccr%2010no4.pdf>.

This website contained the following report:

International Journal of Community Currency Research.
Vol 10, pp 24-42
COMMUNITY EXCHANGE AND TRADING SYSTEMS IN GERMANY
Rolf F. H. Schroeder
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In this report, I found the following statement:

"In the summer of 1945 the administration controlled by the occupying forces began to establish so-called "Barter-Centres" and "Tauschringe" as a legal alternative to the black market. Usually these centres were former retail shops. Clients could bring their goods, these were appraised in terms of Reichsmarks at the value of 1938. Although the Reichsmark had lost its value, it served as a measure to evaluate the goods. If the good was accepted, the client received a credit note and could make his choice from the pool of goods available in the shop (Schneider, 1996, p. 124). The Barter-Centre charged a fee for the service. These institutions existed in many parts of Germany. Different variations of the system developed. In some cases the Barter-Centre (sometimes also called Tauschzentrale) did not act as multi-lateral exchange systems but as buyer or seller or they took

the goods on a commission basis. The efficiency was enhanced by the formation of so-called Tauschringe, associations of Barter Centres. A customer could take his or her credit slip and go shopping in a number of Barter Centres in the region (Schneider, 1996, p. 123)."

Schneider, C. (1996) Ein vergessenes Kapitel der Wirtschaftsgeschichte: Barter-Center und Tauschringe im besetzten Nachkriegsdeutschland. Scripta Mercaturae. 30/1: pp. 121-130.

Thus, we see that the Barter Units were on par with the Reichsmarks of 1938. Therefore, if we can determine the exchange rate between the U.S. Dollar and the Reichsmark in 1938, we will know the value (in U.S. Dollars) of the Barter Unit.

Does anybody know the exchange rate?

Championship Question Corner

Question: For what purpose were validation board certificates issued? Question 125, difficulty 3.

Yesterday's Question: Where was the Allied military 2-franc note printed? Question 124, difficulty 1.

Comments from the field: Bill Myers writes In Chelsea, Massachusetts by Forbes Lithograph Corporation.

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Editorial

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The last editorial that I wrote was about D-Day. On the seventh, I was at some place of business and picked up the Toledo Blade. There was not too much special until I got to the second news section. There I found a nice feature story about an area WWII veteran. Wow, there right below the fellow's picture was a great picture of a short snorter that the fellow had made on D-Day and has kept all of these years. It is on a Bank of France note and is signed by Ernie Pyle. To top things off, the gentleman is from the tiny little town Gibsonberg, Ohio. That is my father's hometown. It is possible that they knew each other as kids. I think that I will try to call the fellow.

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Mail Call

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Dear Gramsters,
Memphis is only a few days away! I look forward to seeing many old friends and meetings some new ones!

Harold

Dear Harold,
I think that your letter about sums it up. I am
getting excited!

Editor

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Official Australian Counterfeits of Japanese
Invasion Money (JIM)

by David Klinger

Counterfeit Japanese Invasion Money (JIM) was produced by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA) during WWII ! Evidence of this comes from three letters among a large package of official files (copies) I received from the Senior Archivist, Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA). The RBA is the successor to the CBA, which operated during WWII. It also included a note division, which was equivalent to our Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

The first letter was sent from the Netherlands Indies Commission to the Governor, Commonwealth Bank of Australia, on 5 October, 1942:

"Dear Sir,

In order to effectively prosecute the war against Japan the Government of the Netherlands East Indies considers it essential to have at its disposal supplies of currency similar to that issued by Japan for circulation in the Netherlands East Indies.

The need is urgent and we have to request you to arrange to supply us as soon as they can be printed with the following quantities of notes which resemble as closely as possible the specimen notes handed to your Melbourne manager.

1/2 Gulden 12,800 pieces
10 Cents 30,000 pieces
5 Cents 10,000 pieces
1 Cent 10,000 pieces

When completed we would be glad if you would deliver the notes to the order of Dr. R. E. Smits as they may be required by him.

Signed by Dr. J. E. van Hoogstraten,
Chief-Commissioner"

The second letter was a simple cover letter from Dr. Smits, Managing Director Javasche Bank to the Governor of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA). It recommended approval of the basic request. But of interest on this letter is a hand written note apparently written by the Governor of the CBA. It reads:

"I saw Mr. Chiffley [finance minister] at Canberra on 30/9/42. I told him of Dr. Smits wishes including his views regarding absolute secrecy. Mr. Chiffley raised no serious objections and he fully appreciated that action of this sort is necessary in war; and that the Axis is already doing what we propose to do. He is satisfied for us to go ahead and he will leave the whole matter in our hands."
[Initialed on 5/10/42]

The third letter is proof-positive that the official counterfeits were printed by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. This letter was sent from the Netherlands Indies Commission to The Manager, Commonwealth Bank of Australia, on 20 January, 1943:

"Dear Sir,

Referring to our letter dated 5th October 1942 to the Governor of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Sydney, we beg to inform you that our stock of the special notes you have printed for us, is nearly exhausted. This paper has proved to be very useful and we request you to print for us the same quantity as in October.

When completed we should be glad if you would deliver the notes to our commission as they may be required.

Signed: Ch.O. Van der Plas, Chief-Commissioner"

These counterfeit notes were copies of the first of the three series of JIM which were issued by Japan for the Netherlands East Indies (NEI), usually referred to as "Regeering" notes. There is more to follow from the remainder of these files. For example, there is also a discussion in these files, of privately produced JIM counterfeits, also produced in Australia during the war.

Championship Question Corner
Question: Which issue of Allied military currency is known to exist in matched serial number sets? Question 126, difficulty 2.

Yesterday's Question: For what purpose were validation board certificates issued? Question 125, difficulty 3.

Comments from the field: Bill Myers writes to validate that German dollar bonds were actually purchased and not part of the thousands that were looted at the end of the war so they could be redeemed.

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Editorial

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Someone should write a play about Memphis shows past, present, and future. As I get close to departing for Memphis, I remember all of the great times there in the past. It is hard to imagine the days before Memphis. How long has it been? Over 25 years, but I cannot remember for sure.

So many wonderful collector memories were generated there. Discoveries, purchases, sales, missed opportunities. Oh those missed opportunities. They are the memories that last the longest. You may have heard me talk about them before: I call them suching chest wounds. Those are the kinds of things that do not go away.

I expect more adventures this year. Some, possibly all, will be small. They may be many, but there will be at least a few.

I expect that I will have some reports to make from the shos and after, perhaps long after. However, we also want reports from other Gramsters. Let us know about your Memphis adventures.

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Mail Call

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Dear Editor,
Just wanted to inform you that my personal collection of 58 different MPC replacements is for sale in Lyn Knight's Memphis auction scheduled for next weekend.. Please alert gramsters to this fact. The listings are hard to find as they do not appear in the Table of Contents or under United States issues, but under world paper money, the very last few pages of this 358 page catalog!!!

Many thanks,
ED

Dear Ed,
I am sorry that your letter smacks of crass commercialism so no notice will be allowed. It is a shame because collectors probably would like to have replacements with pedigrees including Ed Hoffman.

Ed(itor)

Dear Kerry, I thought that Gramsters might be interested in the

first item on this list.

http://www.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/aup/forthcoming/forthcoming_home.cfm

kerry

Dear Kerry,

Hm, well, I think that you are correct. The surprising this is that I think that they (I certainly am) will be interested in the first TWO items. Possibly you can do reviews of both of them for the Gram?

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SERIES 651 FRACTIONALS

by Jim Downey

The Series 651 fractional MPC notes are some of the most intriguing of the MPC series because of their scarcity. Articles that I recently uncovered in the Pacific Stars and Stripes have provided new information concerning this series.

Series 611 was converted to Series 651 on April 29, 1969 in South Korea, Japan and Libya. The April 30 editions of the Japanese and Korean versions of the Pacific Stars and Stripes carried articles about the conversion in these countries. The articles detail the usual information about the conversion including the lock down of military installations and frantic locals trying to get service members to convert their MPC holdings.

In Korea there was a \$500.00 limit on conversion unless the service member could show that amounts in excess were legitimately gained. It is unknown whether the same restriction applied to Japan. Sixteen million dollars was converted in Korea alone. No figures were given for Japan.

The Japanese article indicated that only \$1.00, \$5.00 and \$10.00 Series 651 notes were issued in the conversion. It stated that MPC fractionals were withdrawn from circulation in Japan in September

1962. This means that not only were there no Series 651 fractionals issued in Japan, no Series 611 fractionals would have been issued in Japan either as Series 611 was not introduced to Japan until January 1964!

The Japanese article also quoted a finance spokesman as saying that the conversion was necessary because the existing stock of Series 611 notes would not meet the needs of the finance offices. This may have only been speculation on his part.

A subsequent article in the November 25, 1969 Korean edition discussed the destruction of the Series 611 notes in Korea. The destruction committee practiced by burning some 6 million Series 651 fractionals that were not needed since it had been decided not to issue these notes in Korea.

The articles confirm that the Series 651 fractionals were not issued in Japan or Korea although they were delivered to Korea. The only question remaining is whether the Series 651 fractionals were actually issued in Libya.

Dear Gramsters: While looking for various things on the ANA www.money.org and while looking at the Staff page we found that David J. Sklow has evidently replaced Nancy Green as the Director, Library and Research for the ANA. David is a very skilled and competent researcher in the numismatic field. Back in the 1980's David owned a company in Michigan that sold numismatic references through mail bid auctions and fixed price lists. In the early 1990's David had a company in Florida that held auctions via mail bid sales. On a few occasions he also took tables at coin shows and sold numismatic literature. We purchased books from David and were always treated very fairly. Some of these references are still in our library. David also worked for the Money Tree for their last few auctions. Several years ago he went to work for ANA as a Numismatic Researcher. We have known David for many years and find him very knowledgeable and competent as a numismatic researcher and bibliophile. We want to congratulate David and wish him the very best in what appears to be his new job with ANA as the Director of the Library. We want to commend the ANA Executive Director Chris Cipoletti for making this appointment. We are sure he will do an excellent job for ANA in this very important position. It will be nice to congratulate David in person at the Denver ANA this coming August. Please go to the below site to see a listing of all the Staff at ANA, which includes David as the ANA Library Director. You can E-mail David at ANA and congratulate him on his new position. His ANA E-mail is sklow@money.org Yours in Numismatics, John and Nancy Wilson, Ocala, FL

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Question: Patriotic Aviation bonds feature an airplane

vignette. What country issued these bonds? Question 127, difficulty 3.

Yesterday's Question: Which issue of Allied military currency is known to exist in matched serial number sets? Question 126, difficulty 2.

Comments from the field: Bill Myers writes: There were souvenir sets of the Italian AMC lire from 1-1000 with matched serial numbers available when AM lire were introduced.

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Editorial

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For the past two or three days I have been waxing poetic (well, as much as I can) about the joys of the Memphis paper money show and I certainly stand by my comments. However, today I have a bit of a different take. Today is that dreadful day when I must prepare to leave. I always have way too much to do and too little time to do it. This time is no exception. I have papers, invoices, notes, holders (with and without notes), telephones (yes, telephones--but that is a subject for future discussion), books (gads I have lots of books here at my desk, at my feet and all around on too many subjects), and other junk. All of these things seem to be screaming for attention. At least there are no candy wrappers. The good news is that tomorrow when I pull out of here, I will be caught up! Actually, that is not as true as it used to be. In the old days (as recently as 5 years) it was certainly true. Now with a cell phone and email, the demands and work can hunt me down.

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Mail Call

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Dear Ken;

You wrote: "Therefore, if we can determine the exchange rate between the U.S. Dollar and the Reichsmark in 1938, we will know the value (in U.S. Dollars) of the Barter Unit." and asked if anybody knew the exchange rate then.

The original Reichsmark (of WWI fame) was tariffed at 4.2 Marks to the US Dollar back about 1870 during the unification of German coinage. This lasted until the hyperinflation following WWI. When the Rentenmark replaced the badly inflated Reichsmark the exchange was 4.2 Trillion (yeh, I said Trillion and that is the European Trillion) Reichsmarks to 4.2 Rentenmarks. In effect, they lopped off a whole bunch of zeros. Since the Rentenmark was backed by commodities, this had the effect of stabilizing the Mark. The exchange rate again became 4.2 Marks (Rentenmarks) to the US Dollar. This rate remained stable when the Rentenmark was renamed the Reichsmark and lasted until late 1943 or early 1944 when it became clear that Germany was losing the war. At that point the Reich Mark started

losing value and ultimately became worthless even on the local economy.

I also read somewhere that the German Barter System actually started during the last days of WWII when Germans started trading their valuables for food and other necessities.

There are a couple of histories on German inflation that will give a better (longer) version of what happened. I will check my library and see if I can find them. I know that I have them somewhere in the 1800 or so books that I have on numismatics. Damn, I just gotta get organized!!!!

Paul Garner

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Memphis Successful--Turner, Lippincott
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The 30th annual Memphis paper money show was a great success for Gramsters (military money collectors). Highlights include the Military Money Collectors Club meeting and the Lyn Knight auction. The club (if you can call it that) met at its traditional time on Saturday afternoon. Marv Mericle presided (a strange word in this context) as usual. According to tradition, everyone was invited to show a military item and some great items were shown. Al Glaser showed a progressive proof set of sixth series British Armed Forces Special Vouchers. Dan Freeland showed a wall plaque that was awarded to Canadians for war bond purchases during World War II. About 25 people were in attendance and most had an item to share. As usual, those who had shared an item were paid for their efforts. In other news at the show, Gramster and original Fester Marcus Turner was installed as president of the

International Bank Note Society. Also of interest at the IBNS meeting was a presentation by Steve Feller on World War II Channel Island notes.

On Saturday night the Ed Hoffman collection of MPC replacements was sold. A platoon of MPC collectors was present and produced outstanding results. The top item was the Series 651 \$10 which realized over \$12,500 (with juice).

Jack Lippincot exhibited for the first time at the show and cleaned up winning the top awards of the International Bank Note Society and the Society of Paper Money Collectors. His exhibit was on the German currency exchange of June 1948.

Many interesting and important items were found on the bourse floor. Larry Smulczenski reported found an aluminium token style medal commemorating bombing of Japan. Of particular interest was the date 15 June 1944. The token was found on 15 June 2006 (this fact was noticed by Harold Kroll).

Ski also acquired modern (2005) gasoline coupons used by US forces in Germany, US bonds and other items for his collection and research.

I will trade you some nylons for some favors by Larry "Ski" Smulczenski

During Fest weekend, Howard Daniel handed me a stack of magazines, pamphlets, catalogs and booklets that had to measure close to a foot high. "Harold," I pleaded, "I love going through this stuff, but I have to fly home and this weight will put me over the baggage weight limit." "Just look through it," he said, "keep what you want and either pass it on or pitch it". That I did. Included were a couple of magazines that I had not seen before entitled 'America in WWII'. These magazines had great articles of interest to me and one of the neat features was that it included advertisements from the 40's. One of the first articles that naturally caught my eye was entitled "A Product with Legs," accompanied by a drawing of a scantily clothed young lady putting on her hose. The article attested to the fact that for the women of the early 1940's stockings were just as essential to dressing up as her dress. Shear hosiery enhanced the appearance of the leg and provided an neat finished look to an outfit whether she was going to the office or out on a date.

Prior to the War, silk was the preferred material because of its luxurious look and feel. But silk stockings were expensive and had a tendency to run. Cotton and wool were alternatives but were not dressy.

Man made rayon was another possibility, but it did not hold its shape. Here is where modern technology stepped in and like my Midway article, here is the part I didn't know. DuPont had been working on a substitute for silk since

the 1920's. A scientist by the name of Julian Hill was working with a solution of coal tar, water and alcohol. Just like Little Jack Horner, when he put in his thumb and pulled out a plum, Dr Hill put in a heated rod and when he pulled it out a shear filament stretched between the solution and the rod. When the filament cooled to room temperature, it could be woven into a material that looked and felt like silk. Company management now had to come up with a name for this new product. The decision was made to debut the material at the 1939 New York World's Fair and use the 'NY' of New York as the first two letters of the name of the new product. NYLON was born. On May 15, 1940 nylon stockings hit the stores of New York City and 780,000 pair were sold that day. By the end of 1940, 64 million pair of "nylons" were sold. But World War II put an end to the new product boom as silk, rayon and nylon were needed for the war effort. What silk that was available was used for powder sacks as it left no residue inside artillery barrels. Nylon was used in parachutes, tents, ropes and tires.

What was a gal to do? Most went back to wearing cotton socks while others used makeup on their legs. By now, I know you are asking what does this have to do with numismatics? Well, the answer is simply that it all revolves around the barter system. Before there was money, individuals would trade items for things they needed--animal skins for food, food for weapons, etc. We know that after the war, Barter stores were operated in Berlin and Frankfurt where the German populace traded their goods for items that they wanted and the American GI's could provide. The American GI didn't need a store however. He knew that he could trade the cigarettes, chocolates and occasionally nylon stockings that were available in the PX for the amorous affection of his favorite girl or possibly entice a date with such a gift from a lady he only casually knew.

I went back to my collection of military ration cards to check to see if these items were annotated on them. Everyone of the cards from the WWII era had the cigarettes and candy but I didn't find any nylons listed. The ration cards for females during the Korean Conflict had all three items listed. So it is obvious that as crafty as the GI was, if the nylons were available and he naturally knew their value, he would find a way to get them.

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Question: What country overprints appear on British Military Authority notes? Question 128, difficulty 3 (to get all three).

Yesterday's Question: Patriotic Aviation bonds feature an airplane vignette. What country issued these bonds? Question 127, difficulty 3.

Comments from the field: Bill Myers writes: China.

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Editorial

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Memphis was really fun. This is not really newsworth as I knew that it would be. It always is. The worst part of the internet situation in the hotel was terrible keeping me from making reports during the event. I had several stories planned about this bad situation, but I cannot remember them now. I guess the great success of the show overrides the small problems.

As usual, I had sworn to myself that I would not spend any (much) money. I failed miserably as I knew that I would. I have been disapointed that we have not received any reports on the show. If you were there, please send us a report.

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Mail Call

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Dear Gram,

I wanted to let you and the MPC Gram know that my wife Valerie Nickles passed away yesterday, she was 42. We were truly a team in every way, including Numismatics, and she did a lot to help me in Military Numismatics. So, she did all this with me, and was as much a part of it as I was. Please let the MPC Gram know.

Rick Nickles

Dear Rick,

We are saddened to read of your loss. We were also struck by the beauty of the message below from Jim Downey about the creation of a new Gramster.

Editor

Dear Gram,

Just a short note to let you all know that after three years of trying, Deanah and I finally got it right and are expecting our first child in January. We are positively thrilled at this turn of events.

Jim Downey

Dear Editor,

Gramsters who are ANA members need to read an article on page 97 of the July Numismatist. David Klinger is the NUMISMATIST IN ACTION in an article by Barbara Gregory. It details "David being an active collector and student of Numismatics for more than 60 years" and talks about his collection of military exonumia and time spent in the navy.

Dan Freeland

Dear Gram,

I need to buy (or trade for) Fest notes issued in pay

at Memphis.

David Seelye

Dear David,

We do not allow such blatant solicitations in the Gram.

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Memphis Was Great!!!

by Howard A. Daniel III (The Master Sergeant Daniel)

I am always looking forward to buying something at Memphis, but the fellowship I find there is by far the major thing that I look forward to. One nice surprise was seeing R.A. Medina there. But he gave me some work to do on some "sample" Chinese silver sycee (bullion). You know I need some more work.

And I did find one piece to buy for myself, and it was from George Notarpole. He was reluctant to sell it so I gave his wife the money and walked away with it. George is trying to get out of the paper money business but the collector in him wants to stay in it. The note I bought appears to be a new overstamp that was probably used for a money conversion. We shall see.

Harold Kroll had a table near George but I could find nothing there to purchase. And he gave me his usual hard time. I believe I am a nice guy to him but he is constantly harassing me! Civilians!

Fred brought me a box of the Leo May t-shirts from the Holiday Inn manager where the MPC Fest is held.

Kim, the hotel manager, did not sell all of them so I am selling them for her and sending all of the money to her. I sold five at Memphis, and four more back here in Virginia. They are \$10 each and I have sizes S, M, L and XL, and I will mail them, postage free to anyone who wants to purchase them. I will be bringing them to the ANA in Denver to see them at the club table I will be manning for the IBNS, NI, NBS and the Philippine Collectors Forum.

I drove Len Harsel to Memphis and helped him at his table. It appears that he had a good show, but I am still recovering from spending six consecutive days with him!! [I wish that Len would chime in with his side--Ed.]

Larry "Ski" Smulczenski received another "batch" of stuff from me for the MPC Fest Auction. All of the proceeds for them will go into the Scholarship Fund. It included more of the America in WWII magazines. Marv Mericle was there too. I cannot remember what we said to each other, but since he is a Navy veteran, it was probably not worthwhile repeating. I tried to be nice to him but it was difficult.

George Cuhaj was at the Krause table. I photocopied the modern Viet Nam pages in Volume 3 and gave him an update for him at the show. If you see anything that needs updating in this new edition, please send them to him right now so he has time to get all of them in before the next edition! Does it come out twice a year now?

Jack Lippincott was there and we discussed his excellent German exhibit! We also talked about him coming to Viet Nam and I will loan one of my adopted nieces to him and his girlfriend to guide and translate for them.

Speaking of exhibits, did you see the Lyn Knight display at the back of the bourse? It was huge and some of the photographs in it brought back a lot of memories. Many of the people had hair way back when, and others even had some color in it!

Joel and Niel Shafer were there and both busy! It appears Joel had an excellent auction, and Niel found some pieces on the bourse. I gave Niel some "stuff" I accumulate between the times I see him. I thought I was a junk collector but this man will take anything from me!

Quoc was there from Viet Nam. He departed the show for a new show in Singapore and I will see him in Viet Nam in a couple of weeks. He has done a lot for me in Viet Nam when I am not there and I use PayPal to get the money to him. Ari and Anh were there next to him again. Anh is looking really beautiful and I will try to see her father when I am in Viet Nam in July. There were many others at the show, but this item is already over "the" editor's length, so I am cutting it off. Please forgive me if I did not mention your name. [The editor likes long.--Ed.]

Before Len and I packed up and departed on Sunday, I

walked the line of volunteers at the show registration table and thanked each person for their work to make it a successful show. Len and I were on the road in the early afternoon and made it to the eastern side of Knoxville for our overnight stay before returning to Northern Virginia.

I am now preparing for a month-trip to Viet Nam. I am flying for the first time on United Airlines and will be departing from Dulles International Airport on the 29th. If you have anything you want me to do for you in Viet Nam, please send me an email at HADaniel3@msn.com. See you when I return.

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Comments from the field: Bill Myers and Jack Hunter wrote: Bulgaria, France, and Greece. [It is remarkable how many times this question has been missed at MPCFest. That is the only reason that I made it a category 3 question. Also, I admit that it is more difficult to get three of three.--Ed

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Editorial

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Steve Feller still owes a bunch of us a drink for failing (rather miserably) to have his challenge coin.

That failure was on Thursday night. On Friday morning when I changed the items from the pockets of the trousers to those that I was going to wear on Friday, I forgot to put my challenge coin in the fresh trousers so I went all day Friday without a challenge coin--and without a challenge. I discovered that failure on Friday night when I was going to the hotel workout room, I went back to my room to get my challenge coin because. I was lucky that there was a tiny little pocket in my workout shorts. In that high density environment I did not want to get caught short.

The last item on the printed schedule for Saturday was the military collectors meeting. It was a great meeting with lots of good show-n-tells etc. Right at the end someone came up to me and reminded me that I had not done a group challenge as I usually do. You can imagine the chill that went down my spine when I realized that MY challenge coin was still in my running shorts! I shrugged off the question and rushed to my room to get the critical item.

Boy was I lucky.

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Mail Call

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Dear Gram,

I would like to take this time to tell about an event that will be happening for the next two weeks. The navy has a program called a Tiger Cruise. The tiger cruise is a program the navy has had for several years which allows family and friends to get on board the navy ship and sail with to the next port. My son is assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan. My wife, Kevin Neidy and I are going on a Reagan tiger cruise next week.

This started several months ago with the applications and physicals that had to be approved. Three other people applied for our group but were cut from the list. That made them very unhappy to say the least!

This tiger cruise will be from Hawaii to San Diego Ca. seven nights and eight days aboard the USS REAGAN the newest air craft carrier.

I understand there is going to be a fire power demo while we are on board.

Cost is plane tickets to Hawaii + plane tickets back home from San Diego Ca. + 75\$ to the navy for the trip.

If possible I will email to Fred the daily activities aboard the ship. And the status of a possible mini fest collectable.

Doug Bell

Dear Doug,

Have a great and safe journey. We look forward to your reports!

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Major General Heneke

by Howard A. Daniel III (The Master Sergeant Daniel)

A local coin dealer, John Sullivan, in Northern Virginia operates Cameo Coins and Collectibles with his wife. One of his numismatic friends is Daryl Spelbring, which lowers my opinion of him because Daryl is a former Navy chopper pilot, and a world paper money dealer. A combination I do not like. Besides being a coin dealer, John also collects and sells firearms. He is putting together a collection of all firearms used on both sides during the Civil War, and the paper money too. It is already quite a collection!!

But he also has the .45 pistol that belonged to a Major General William C. Haneke. It is still in its original presentation case and includes many papers. John bought it from one of the general's sons. General Haneke retired as the Army Chief of Finance! Does this awaken any of you readers up? He began his military career as a finance office in the Philippines before WWII!!! Again a job that must be of interest to many of you! And after WWII, he was stationed in Japan and was reported to be one of their currency experts! And then he assisted Korea in establishing their economy after the Korean War. This man must be included in the files of many Gramsters!

John would like to know more about the General and to eventually sell the pistol because it does not fit into his collecting objectives. If you know anything about this General, please contact John at 444 Maple Avenue East, Vienna, VA 22180, telephone 703-281-7053 or email at CamCoins@aol.com.

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Tomorrow morning I start my sixth annual trip to Colorado Springs for the Summer Seminar. I am excited to say the least. These events are unlike any other in numismatics! That is not to say that I have everything ready. I have lots of work to do before military numismatics starts. For the first week I am mostly student in Joe Boling's class on detecting world counterfeit notes. I am looking forward to the class. I will give you a review.

I do have some responsibilities during the first week though. I am teaching the MPC boot camp for the third year. I also have a bull session on adventures in collecting. For those of you who have not (yet) attended a summer seminar, the bull sessions are not quite that, but neither are they formal classes. They are one hour sessions open to anyone. I have a great collecting story to tell. If you are going to be in Colorado Springs, I hope that you will stop in for the bull session.

I spoke with Jane Colvard today. There is space both in the MPC boot camp AND in Joe's counterfeiting class. That means if you are all ready going to be there (or know someone who is), you can get into the MPC class in addition to your regular class. If you had not planned on going, it means that you can scrap your other plans and take the counterfeiting class (I am not sure if there is room to stay for the second week for the military numismatics class or not). You can go to the ANA web site for more info (www.money.org).

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Mail Call

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Dear Gram,

In yesterday's mail, some cash arrived and it was added to the St Jude's Children's Research Hospital donation by those who attended the MPC Fest in memory of Leo G. May Jr. (Account 14919413). I just completed a call to the hospital's donation number; 1-800-873-6983, and \$250 was donated. A card will be sent to Leo's wife saying it came from the MPC Festers.

Do we want to do this again in March 2007 when we meet at Camp Leo G. May Jr. in Port Clinton, OH? If so, I must received orders after my reporting in so I have "official" permission to conduct another charity drive in Leo's memory.

That is all for now. I am up to my ears in alligators with less than 48 hours left before I take off for another month-long trip to Viet Nam.

Howard Daniel

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Preparation for Colorado Springs

by Joe Boling

This is my annual advisory column for persons coming to Summer Seminar - what to pack. Although the military courses are not until week two, some of you will be departing this week and attending two weeks of seminars. Thus the "early" advice. If you are staying in the dorms, you will be provided

towels and slivers of soap, but NOT face cloths. If you are one who uses a face cloth to bathe, shower, or shave, bring a couple and a plastic bag to pack the wet one in on the last morning. If you want to use a hand towel for those trips to the sink between showers, bring them also. Only a very few (or no) hangers are left in the closets when the Colorado College students leave for the summer. Bring a good supply of hangers for your shirts and trousers.

If you are driving, and want to work at your desk in the evenings, bring a desk lamp. The overhead lights in the dorms are not very bright. Even if you are flying to Colorado, bringing a Tensor lamp (or equivalent) might be possible.

If you are planning to make the trip up Pikes Peak, bring a jacket, and maybe a hat. The weather up there is usually very different from what is down below. For the week in the Springs, casual wear. Gail has been known to castigate folks for appearing in a tie and jacket. Bring an umbrella - it is not uncommon to have a

thunderstorm every afternoon of the session. If you will be sunning yourself on the patio (or just playing poker out there in the afternoon), bring sun screen. At 6000 feet elevation, the sun burns much faster than at low elevations. If you have some numismatic white elephants, consider

donating them to the YN auctions. The YN contingent will be soliciting donations of material to be sold (there is a YN auction in each session). Bring your check book also, so that you can buy items from the auction. \$50 bottles of water have been known to find new homes during those events.

If you are already a fester, bring that pay book. The penalties for appearing for pay without a pay book can be severe. Don't forget your challenge coin, also, and keep it close by. [Memo to company clerk - don't forget that my pay book was used up at Memphis, and I need a pay book extension.]

Bring both World War II Remembered and the 4th edition MPC book, if you own them. If you do not own them, they will be provided, but you will be assessed for them in the pay line, thereby reducing the available fest certificates that you have to use for other purposes. If you have any military currencies (particularly of the years covered by the seminar class, 1930-date) that are mysteries, bring them. If we can't unravel the mysteries, we will at least get to see your treasures and record them for the next edition of SB. You are welcome to bring as much else of your collection as you desire to share, but there is limited security capability (space in the ANA museum, subject to restricted hours of access). I've not heard of anyone losing material from the rooms, but there is only minimal security there. If you collect fest certificates, consider bringing

that collection so that researchers can record serial numbers and you have your material close at hand for trading. If you own a UV lamp and a good loupe or hand-held microscope, bring them (and mark them with your name/phone number). Bring a millimeter scale. Bring your digital camera for recording images of notes and ancillary material. You can see from this list that the seminars tend to the very practical side, dealing with the actual materials as much as possible, rather than catalog listings of them. And if this brief message makes you wish that you were coming, start planning for 2007.

Championship Question Corner

Question: In what year was the first Military Numismatics Summer Seminar? Question 131, difficulty 2 (not a 3 only because there have not been too many making guessing easy).

Yesterday's Question: 25 aurar chits were issued in Iceland. What was the issuer of the chits? Question 130, difficulty 3.

Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote: The chits were issued at Camp Knox by American military personnel. There were also 10 aurar & 1 krona chits.

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Editorial

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David Seelye sent me a wonderful little (8 page) pamphlet on US military emissions for Iceland. At least that is how I would estimate the theme based upon the illustrations because my Icelandic is really rusty. Basically, the pamphlet has one page of text then seven pages of nicely illustrated listings of chits and tokens issued by US forces in Iceland. The first listings and cover art are of the Ship Service Camp Knox chits (hence yesterday's championship corner quiz question). There probably is some good information about these pieces in the introductory material that I cannot read as stated. The metal tokens are mostly slot machine tokens and are almost certainly from the post war period. The same for the chits although a few of the expedient type chits might have actually been used during the war.

As luck would have it, David Seelye called me while I was writing this. He told me that he has three more copies which he will sell at \$15 each (postpaid). I told him that I could hardly put such a commercial offer in the editorial. So, if you want to contact him to criticise his blatant commercial attempt write coinman@rochester.rr.com.

I finished writing the above about six hours ago and considered it a finished editorial. About ten minutes ago, I picked up the pamphlet again and looked at various interesting issues. The one that struck my fancy was one listed as Rockville NCO open mess. What I found interesting was the additional legend "use in USA forbidden." I thought that that was quite unusual text. Then I looked more closely and saw additional unusual text: "Mar-Matic Sales Co 1009 E. Baltimore St., Baltimore MD." This seemed to be an advertisement for the manufacturer of the token. Boy is that interesting.

Now, I know that you know that on occasion I have exaggerated a point or two here in the Gram. Usually, it is for the sake of humor (or an attempt), or simply to emphasise a point. Because of that, I know that some of you will not believe the following, but it is true without exaggeration.

After contemplating the above token listing, I stood up to leave my office. By chance I looked to the right of the computer screen at my scanner. There on top of the scanner was a token. I thought that was a bit strange because I do not many things like that around here. Notes of all descriptoins, yes, but tokens no. Believe it or not it was the Iceland Mar-Matic token that I was looking at in the book. I admit that I have been moving things around getting ready for the Seminar, but I certainly never would have expected

such a find. Since then I have been doing Google searches on Mar-Matic and other parts of the legends. I have not had too much luck. Possibly David Klinger or Jim Downey will give it a try.

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Mail Call

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Dear Joe & Fred

You must be in the middle of preparing for Summer school?

I have some interesting New Zealand and military items and of course some from Indonesia and NEI.

I will also bring some new info on some military items

for the second week in the Military course. I have cd's of these items.

Fred - Please remember you said you would reserve a copy of

WW2 Remembered for me?

The weight of the book is really too much to bring and we always need copies over here in OZ.

Being the only Australian likely to show up, are expressions of patriotism allowed? Like flags and slouch hats.

I will be bringing 20 copies of Yarwood's new edition of chits etc with me.

regards

Tony James

Sydney Australia

Dear Tony,

Hm, lots of interesting stuff in your letter.

Australian patriotic expressions are acceptable and welcome, but you will be expected to buy Fest bonds as a patriotic duty.

I will swap you reservations. I have a remembered for you. I want one of the Yarwood's reserved for me.

(Gramsters should reserve directly to Tony if you have the address or I will accept them for him here at Gram HQ). I really look forward to your new research results for class and for the book. Nick had lots of good stuff for us the past two years so you will be keeping up the tradition.

Editor

In Paul Garner article in Gram 1467 about conversion of the Reichsmark in 1923, he writes that 4.2 trillion Reichsmark became 1 Rentenmark. And then says that it is European trillions. That last comment cant be right, he must mean American trillions. Here in Europe, we say that 4.2 billion Reichmark equalled 1 Rentenmark. Please check and advise.

Best

Flemming

Dear Gram,
Reading MPCgram 1463 I am moved to mention the
coming ANA Summer Seminar and the ColoradoSpring Coin
Show on July 7, 8, & 9 the weekend between the two
weeks of the show. I'm not sure how much MPC might be
at the show, but we have recently added another 5,000
square feet to the 15,000 we had for a current total
of 20,000 square feet which now accomodates 80 dealers
with 165 tables. It promises to be a great show!
Ken Hallenbeck, Chairman

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Iowa War Finance Committee

by Trung Nguyen

It is no secret that flee markets and garage sales are an almost inexhaustible source for the collectible market. Military Payment Certificates and their cousins are no exceptions. Currently found in unused, non-issued condition are four US Treasury Department/Iowa War Finance Committee coupons. One of the four can be viewed using the following links:

<http://members.cox.net/nhatrang75/war-iowa-f.jpg>
<http://members.cox.net/nhatrang75/war-iowa-b.jpg>

Measured 10 x 3.5 inches they were in a miscellaneous bunch of papers. They were just there, drawing no attention, showing no glory. The seller had no ideas what they could be and neither did the buyer. The items do not have any title but are sequentially numbered. Actually three out of four are sequentially numbered No. 659922, No. 659923, and No. 659924. One item is numbered B 246695, apparently printed at a later time, or, one my think or wish, was some type of replacement.

The items were printed, if the back is decoded correctly, in August 1944 by the Wallace-Homestead Company. The B 246695 item was printed in 1945 by the same company.

The high serial numbers seem to suggest that at least that many pieces were printed all together. If that is true, then there must be more of those little pieces than the entire population of Iowa in 1994. If

that many were printed and why did we not see one listed in any reference books? It is clear that one was printed for Iowa, then how

about other States? Must we conclude, for example, that there existed a Nebraska War Finance Committee and thus similar items. Since the items do not show any map or the seal of Iowa, could the printer just simply replace the word Iowa with another State's name that was a part of the Union in 1944?

Let assume that every state was a part of the war effort, then the question we may ask: is the serial number unique to Iowa or did the serial of number No. 659924 account for all states?

A search on Google did not result in any relevant hits. Could this be true? My 1997 Village Van Air Bag light came up, blinking and blinking. Two minutes on Google and I found the instruction to reset it. Yet, an hour on Google and I found nothing on these items.

Can someone shed a light on this?

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Question: What denominations were added to the United States War bond program after the program started.

Question 132, difficulty 3.

Yesterday's Question: In what year was the first Military Numismatics Summer Seminar? Question 131, difficulty 2 (not a 3 only because there have not been too many making guessing easy).

Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote: 2001 (the seminar started the year after the Fest.)

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Editorial
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Cedar Rapids. I am reporting from the campus of Coe College where I stopped in to see Fester Steve Feller enroute to Colorado Springs. I planned on simply dropping into his office unannounced, but I got lost in metro Cedar Rapids and had to call for help. While he was directtling me out out of the country, I passed Seelye St! David has a wider reach than I ever thought!

In spite of my warning (calling for directions), Steve was still dreadfully unprepared when I arrived. Let me say that we are about to go out for a beverage of my choice.

Steve's office is VERY interesting. It is a mixture of academic and numismatic memories.

I will just mention one of particular interest. He has a beautiful large color print that someone (I really am not certain who) created in the 1980s of Series 651 MPC. At the time, the photographs of the fractional denominations caused a stir. The other three denominations at the time would have been considered routine. Today, two would still be considered routine, but the third takes a new spotlight. It is a \$10 replacement (uncirculated) with serial number A00000018! Wow, cool. That is a note that deserves a nick name.

I will not be staying here long. We hope to actually work on the manuscript of the in-progress Feller and Feller camp money book.

I have a few other things to report too from the trip. Those things will probably have to wait for tomorrow.

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Mail Call
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Dear Gram,

Regarding Joe Bolings comment about Gail castigating folks for wearing a tie and jacket , that might not be an unpleasant happening , unless castigate was misspelled , then wow , would that hurt . :-)

Gail is a very , very , pleasant part of ANA and one of the nicest people I met when I attended the summer seminar. Hope every one has a happy and safe 4th. Don't shoot tracers during drought conditions and then be surprized if you have to do a 300 yard dash to put the fire out. :-)

Sam Feedback

Dear Freditor,

I am pleased Tony James is carrying on the representation to the seminar from the Antipodes. I know he is going to have a great time, I am just jealous that I cannot attend this year, but will be back next year.

I think the advice from Joe as what to take & what not to take may have tipped Tony off & he will not be packing his Tux (damn).

On another aside I was interested to see that Fred will be a student in Joe's class. Can we please have some feedback in the gram as to how successful Joe is in keeping order over the possible interruptions and chaos that could ensue?

regards

Nik Sharplin

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Reports from Hawaii and the Sea

by Kevin Neidy and Doug Bell

Well we have been to sea for two days now and adjusting well. I started taking all bets on how many days it was going to take Doug to hit his coconut on a hanging beam or obstruction and found many takers, being that he is so tall nit didnt take long for the bets to end because he is averaging two slams a day! That guy has the hardest head I have ever seen. He hit his head on a beam (a direct hit) while looking the other way and alls I heard was a ping! I think thats where they coined the term I RANG MY BELL and it just is coincidence that it is also his last name. So we are having a great time seeing the ship and all its might I am still in awe that I am a part of this and very grateful to my sponsor TY Doug/Karens son. They launched and recovered E2s and F-18 Super Hornets yesterday. It is quite a sight to see them launched off the catapults and recovered by wires. Two planes missed the wire so far and had to do go around burns. It was spectacular to see them shoot in at full speed and then miss the hook and take off again. Doug has the best seat on the flight deck being that he towers over everyone else and can see both ends at the same time, I never realized how tall he was and its a good thing when we lose him he is always easy to find sticking out in the crowd. Gotta go for now we will report more later

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nonetheless.

After making up a bunch of work for the students, Steve and I went out to lunch. From there we went to Brain Fanton's coin shop. Closed. Summer hours closed on Thursday. Drat. I saw Brian today in Colorado and he put the blame on us for not calling first. Well, on the way back to Coe College, we passed another shop. Steve said that he had not been in that shop, I said we are going now. It took awhile but we found a few interesting things and I sold some books.

I had some more adventures along the road that I will have to work them in later.

Arriving in Colorado Springs I found a very low standard of preparedness by Festers. Wendel Wolka, Gail Baker, Jane Colvard among others did not have their challenge coins.

Wendell is sitting here at this moment want to point out that he believes that he is the first person to have ever leased a challenge coin.

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Mail Call

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Dear Esteemed Editor,

I screwed up yesterday with the item about the Finance general's pistol. It is a .32 and John is not a gun dealer but a gun collector. If anyone wants to contact him about it, but if he sells it, it will have to go through a gun dealer. That's all.

The Master Sergeant Daniel

Dear Gram,

Concerning the value of the Reichsmark, a Federal Reserve System report shows the "Free Market Value" of the Reichsmark in June, 1941 as 2.50 RM/dollar. It doesn't show any thing for 1942-1946.

Take Care,

Ron

Dear Gram,

I hope you both arrived safely in Colorado Springs. I am sorry that I will not be come to the ANA seminar this year.

One thing I wanted to pass on to you and other Military Numismatics.

The ANA library received all of the books in the Medal and Awards groups library.

Check with David Sklow or Amber, all of the books were Not put out on the shelves.

They delt with "non mumismatics items" such as pay records.

The book I happen to pick up and glance at had a section on Word War I pay schedule for East Africa. That should get David Klinger looking.

Tell everyone hi, and hope to see you in August in Denver.

Chuck Mitton

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Seminar Opens, Gramsters Everywhere

The 38th annual ANA summer seminar finally got going with classes yesterday although many collectors, celebrities, and Gramsters/Festers had been in attendance for several days.

Partially this is according to plan with other planned activities including a reception, library books sale, and oh yes, class preparations.

The first week has only one class directly related to military numismatics (MPC boot camp) held Saturday and Sunday nights, but many other classes are of interest to Gramsters.

This week Wendell Wolka is teaching a class on world paper money. Joe Boling has his long-anticipated full week class on detecting world counterfeits. Fred Schwan has a program (formerly called a bull session) on Wednesday called Adventures in Collecting.

A controversial mini seminar starts tonight with Wendell Wolka and Lane Bruner as instructors--grading paper money. The subject of this class is causing quite a stir.

Notes from the Eastern Front

A Column by Steve Feller

Ration books are poor cousins to bank notes. Yet they formed a crucial part of the WWII experience for tens of millions of people. While at the Cabinet War Rooms in London last weekend I bought a few books on the subject. These books were written during the war by those who created the system of rationing in England. I will be giving some excerpts to launch this column. The first book is entitled "The Market Square" and it details the British ration system with details on the ration books themselves. Indeed the subtitle is "The Story of the Ration Book 1940-1944." The book is by "Impresario."

I hope you enjoy the arcane and esoteric as I do. Ration books for over 40,000,000 people cannot be printed and distributed overnight. Generally speaking, we have to allow 9 to 12 months between going to print and bringing them into operation...We learned also that it was a great mistake to issue any instructions printed in the book, there being very little likelihood of their remaining accurate by the time the book came into operation. The first set, designed for six months were produced and stored away some time before the war began? There were four different sets when they first came into use. R.B. 1 for those over 6, R.B. 2 for those under 6, R.B. 3 for travellers, and R.B. 6 for weekly seamen. Various other sets of books and cards were held in readiness but not in fact introduced. The essential features of R.B.1 and R.B. 2 (had) pages of coupons for each food (meat; bacon and ham; butter and margarine; cooking fats, including lard and dripping; sugar; three spares), and each page

contained a counterfoil with which the holder could effect registration with a retailer. There was a space also on each page for noting the holder's name if he should decide to leave the page permanently with his retailer. Each book contained a postcard called a reference leaf with which the holder applied later on for the next book; its name may seem curious seeing that its function was one of application. At a later stage it was due to form the basic record of the holder in the Food Office.

Championship Question Corner

Question: What war time Philippines coin has an overdate? Question 133, difficulty 3.

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Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote: \$10 & \$200. Bill Myers.

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Editorial

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I am writing this report from the seminar mess hall, er dining facility, er, cafeteria. One thing that the summer seminar never lacks is food. For me the problem is that the main social gatherings are in the mess hall so it is really hard to avoid all of the food. This is my fifth year at the summer seminar so it is my fifth 4th of July in Colorado Springs. I think that in my adult life I have spent more Independence Days with my ANA collecting friends than in any other activity. Of course, there are folks here who have been here for more than 30 years (this is the 38th Summer Seminar and I think a few folks have been to all of them).

Yesterday was a full day of studying world counterfeits with Joe and today is the same. I have been trying to save my voice for next week. Tonight I am giving a talk for the assembled throng entitled Adventures in Collecting. That means that sometime today I have to figure out what to talk about. The first year that I gave one of these talks, I actually prepared three stories to tell with slides and all. I only got one of the stories finished. The next year I did one of the missed topics. Now I can only remember one of the topics that I covered so I will be starting fresh.

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DOGS FOR DEFENSE

by Jim Downey

In addition to the purchase of war bonds and other programs for direct government finance of WWII, donations to secondary efforts for the war effort were also made by people in the belligerent countries. Donations of money and goods to the Red Cross, refugee relief agencies and other similar organizations were common on both sides of the war.

Many of these organizations issued receipts in exchange for donations. These often have patriotic themes. Although receipts are not technically money, they do represent money to a certain extent and are certainly collectable pieces of ephemera. The French Bons de Solidarite are probably the most extensive and best known series of donation receipts.

One of the more obscure organizations in the United States that issued donation receipts is the War Dog Fund sponsored by Dogs for Defense, Inc. An example of the War Dog Fund receipts can be seen here
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The start of WWII revealed a number of deficiencies in the US military. One of these

shortcomings was the lack of military working dogs. At the start of the war, there were only a handful of military working dogs in the US. Shortly after Pearl Harbor, the American Kennel Club organized a group called SDogs for Defense? in order to donate dogs to the military.

In March 1942, the Army Quartermaster Corps took over the responsibility of procuring and training dogs for the US military. The first dog training facility was established at Fort Royal, Virginia in August 1942. By the end of the war, four other training centers were opened. Over 19,000 dogs were procured for service out of which 10,425 completed training and were placed for service. The dogs were trained to carry out one of four primary missions: (1) sentry duty, (2) scouting and patrols, (3) messengers, and (4) mine detection.

In addition to procuring dogs, Dogs for Defense, Inc. raised money for the program. A nationwide campaign was implemented with Joan Crawford as the Honorary Chairperson.

The War Dog Fund was initially set up by a gentleman named James Austin. Mr. Austin's dog was rejected for service but he wanted to assist in the program anyway. He proposed that dog owners whose dogs were not fit for military service could enlist? their dogs in exchange for donations. The dog was entitled to a rank commensurate with the size of the donation with \$1.00 for a private up to \$100.00 for a general or admiral. Over \$75,000.00 dollars was raised and more than 25,000 dogs were enlisted including President Roosevelt's dog Fala.

More information about the use of dogs in the US military can be found at the following websites:

http://www.qmmuseum.lee.army.mil/dogs_and_national_defense.htm#Procurement%20and%20Training

<http://community-2.webtv.net/Hahn-50thAP-K9/K9History3/>

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Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote: There is a Philippine coin overmint mark from war time - it is the 1944 20 centavos with a D over S mintmark. It is like the one on Fred's desk at the seminar.

Ray Czahor wrote: The only wartime coin acknowledged as an overdate is the 1917S One Centavo. However, within the Philippine collector community, there is not agreement on whether the overdate is 7/3 or 7/6 or 7/8. I happen to believe it is a 7/8. (see editorial)

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Editorial

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This is getting scary. Ray did a great job and gave us some information that I certainly did not know. Bill on the other hand answered the question yesterday that I intended to ask instead of the one that I did ask. Yes, the question was supposed to be about an over mintmark instead of an overdate. Sorry about that. The question got in because as I was leaving for the seminar I happened to find my 1944 D/S coin on my desk. I brought it along because in Joe's class I could examine it under a scope.

I have done that and asked some coin experts to look at it too. The results are mixed. The error coin instructor whom I talked with was not sure if it was a OM, but he also did not know the coin at all. One of his students was familiar with the coin (boy was he!). He looked at mine and was also uncertain. I will try to get some more info and hope that Ray (or someone else will help us with some info).

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David

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I have not heard of any new issues at the seminar--but it is always possible. Certainly we will get announcements in the Gram if there are any new issues.

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I was also able to get the senior master chief most senior of the enlisted and the captain to sign one. This is going to be a great note to have. More 18r

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A stunning (unofficial) announcement was made this morning that the 2007 ANA Summer Seminar will be one week in length. Rumors had swirled at the seminar of pending major changes throughout the week. As of this time details as to reason etc have not been announced.

Championship Question Corner

Question: 2006 marked how many summer seminars and how many summer seminars with a military numismatics class? Question 134, difficulty 3.

Yesterday's Question: How does Kaukera fit into our studies? Question 133, difficulty 3.

Comments from the field: Kathy Myers reports: Kaukera was a native hero in Guadeloupe who appeared on the WWII E A Wright Guadeloupe 1000 franc notes.

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Editorial

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The announcement of the reduction of the summer seminar from two weeks to one stunned me this morning. My first reaction and overall reaction is sadness. The unstated, but implied and apparant reason has to do with expense of running the seminar. I will restrain

from further comment at this moment pending releasse
(hopefully) of more details and the even fainter hope
that we have the information wrong.

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Mail Call

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Dear Gram,
Gramsters would be proud (more likely amazed) of
Fred's presentation in my intro to paper money class
Wed. Of course he spoke about military payment
certificates. He finished within TWO minutes of the
scheduled time! I was dumfounded.

Wendell

Dear Gram,
Kaukera does not fit into our studies - but Karukera
does. I fail to see how discussion of ANY coin replies to
the question you said had been posed yesterday -
namely one about bond denominations that had also
appeared earlier. Finally, you have now printed Jim Downey's letter
about Mar-Matic tokens three times and David Seelye's
letter about new MFC issues twice. When are you going
to get a secretary for the gram?
Joe

Greetings

One of those WWII dogs, whose name I've now
forgotten, but a nonument photo I'll get in due time
(Email me off line) cuhajg@yahoo.com, is interred in a
road triangle at the military cemetery at the
Wisconsin Veterans Home, King, Wis.

George Cuhaj

Dear Gram,
I hope that all the gramsters that are attending the
Seminar will make it to the Colorado Springs Coin Show
this coming weekend. As usual I will have quite a
number of World War II related paper items including
concentration camp money and WWII Ration coupons from
Europe.
In addition Dick Horst and other dealers always have
military related items in stock.

Bill Rosenblum

Dear Bill,
There has also been talk of a mini seminar at the
show (as is traditional). Although I know of no such
plans, I expect that a mini Fest will break out at
1400 hrs somewhere in the common areas of the show.

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Trip Report

by Howard Daniels

I have been back in Viet Nam for eight days. I attended one meeting of the coin and stamp club at the Art Museum on my first Sunday morning. It was my first contact with the numismatic and philatelic community and now I am receiving many telephone calls from collectors and dealers who have something I want to buy. Of course, it is rare when I buy something, but they will assure me that they have what I am looking for.

One collector came to my house and he showed me many pieces I did not want, but he did have a \$10 Korean coupon with the ancient warrior on the face. If you are interested in it, please email me at HADaniel3@msn.com.

I visited Quoc's new store yesterday. He is open in the morning to everyone and by appointment in the afternoon. He had a couple of pieces for me and then we went to lunch.

I have visited my local used book source a couple of times and today, I bought three used books that will find a nice home in my library. I have also been shopping in the new bookstores but found nothing in them yet. And I have two want lists from friends but cannot yet find anything for them.

A few days ago, one of my nieces and I rented a car and drove to Phan Thiet. My wife wanted me to personally inspect a couple of beach resorts to be sure they would be good enough for her and her family. We found one place and will be renting three beach bungalows for four days in a couple of weeks. Going north on Route 1, Saigon seems to go on forever.

Long Binh is now a huge industrial park with factories as far as the eye can see. The countryside and the beaches are absolutely

beautiful, and the crops growing between the hills and houses and roads look great too!

If you really must call me, my cellphone is 011-84-090-953-9109. Please remember that the time here is about 12 hours different than EST! You do know that I need beauty sleep.

Championship Question Corner

Question:

Yesterday's Question:

Comments from the field: Bill Myers reports: There have been 38 summer seminars and military numismatics has been involved since 2001 so this will be the 6th year.

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Editorial

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Yesterday was a madhouse of education and political discussions in Colorado Springs after the report in the morning that the 2007 Summer Seminar would be one week instead of two. A meeting was held after classes on Thursday on the subject. It was called by Sheryl G. S. von Blucher (ANA chief operating officer) and Lane Bruner (director of outreach (which includes education)) ANA officers, students and instructors attended.

Lane described the intention of the ANA to expand seminar programs to remote locations in connection with other numismatic events (shows and conventions) and to reduce the length of the Colorado Springs summer seminar to one week.

Lane stated repeatedly that it was his intention that the seminar would not reduce the number of classes or students and that there basically is no limit on the number of people who could participate. The membership present (students and instructors) expressed passionate and usually logical opposition to the reduction to one week. The essence of their argument was If it ain't broke don't fix it.

It seemed to me that the reason for the condensation was to save money although this was not specifically stated.

It seemed to me that it was a mistake to discuss the remote seminar idea along with the Colorado Springs seminar because it caused some confusion in the discussion when it was clearly the Colorado Springs seminar that was on the mind of the students and teachers.

At the evening social affair Sheryl (von Blucher) clearly stated to me (and David Heinrich) that we had misunderstood and that the matter of reducing the Springs seminar to one week was something that was being studied by the staff and NOT a decision. I hugged her and apologized for having misunderstood. I am sure that this subject will be a major topic of discussion during session two and we will both report and comment on that.

On the much more pleasant subject of session two, preparations are heightening. As soon as I dispatch this message, I will go to headquarters where a large shipment has arrived for the chief Fest finance officer. Rumors have been swirling about a possible new issue of notes, but of course these can neither be confirmed nor denied.

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Mail Call

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Dear Gram,

I was sure I answered the question you asked literally and correctly!

On the 1944 D/S, there are actually 3 types. Type I shows the top of the S slightly to the NE of the D. Type II shows the diagonal of the S in the center of the D. And Type III shows the bottom of the S slightly below the D. Type III is the scarcest followed by Type I, and then Type II is the most common. You may see high prices for this variety but realistically, they are worth \$30 - \$40 in BU condition as they show up rather frequently.

Thanks,

Ray Czahor

Cookie Jar Collectibles

Dear Ray,
Thanks for the help (both with the question asked
and now with the question intended). I guess that I
should have expected such detailed info from you, but
I am very pleased with it in any event. We would love
to have nice marco photo of all three types in
Remembered II. Can you help with that?

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CruiseFest over, Festers home safely

by Doug Bell

CruiseFest is over and everyone is home. It was a wonderful experience and we are very thankful to the US Navy for the opportunity to have this experience. As I mentioned in an earlier report, I prepared a miniFest note for the cruise. The images attached are of my note with various signatures. I have a duplicate of this note (with signatures) that will be in the Fest 8 auction.

The note is signed by the admiral, caption & senior master chief. On the face.

The back is signed by the squadron commanders and the CAG his squadron is the left center but he signed at the top center.

I am putting together a provenance. A Provenance is the origin or source from which something comes. I have 40 additional notes (without signatures). I offer these at \$5 each for an MPC charity [See editorial--Ed.]

There was an error kind of on this one when I made them I went down to the post office and bought stamps. I was 2 short and instead of going back I wanted to buy 2 stamps aboard the ship.

When I had all the notes post marked July 4 2006. How many post offices are open July 4?

This one was so that is when it was post marked. Later I met a stamp collector on the Reagan and he talked me out of a Tiger cruise note. And was telling me that there were 2 Reagan stamps and there will be a new one out this month on the 15th.

Well I got to looking at the tiger notes and discovered that the note I had started to get signed was a 37 cent stamp instead of a 39 cent stamp. So am hoping he contacts me so I can verify if the one he got from me is a 37 center as well.

The additional picture is of an obedient Fester on tour in Hawaii.

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Championship Question Corner

Question: What series of US bonds were sold during WWII? Question

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Editorial

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Week two of Military Seminar 6 is just starting. People are coming in and the excitement is building. I talked to Doug after he submitted the report of his trip. It is my idea--not his--to start another fund. That fund is to support the papermoneyworld web site. As you probably know, Doug created and maintains this site for the community bennefit. In addition to far larger than I ever imagined monthly electricity, Doug has purchased software at various times for the soul purpose of supporting this site. Recently he bought a fairly expensive software package that was needed to fight the spam that was infecting the Gram. Therefore, Doug agreed at my suggestion to sell the CurisFest notes at \$5 with the funds going to tech support so to speak. The short snorter CruiseFest note will be sold at the Fest for the same fund. I look forward to supporting this fund and hope that you will too. To reserve one of the notes, email Doug@papermoneyworld.net.

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Mail Call

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Dear Editor,

Does the keyboard on your computer/lap top has some missing keys or did I miss something? I believe the question should have referred to "Karukera" which is the vignette on the face of the 1000 Francs issue from Guadeloupe. If you did actually mean "Kaukera," then I think the answer should be that it has nothing to do with our studies.

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by Howard Daniel

I regularly take out in the evening my niece,
Tu, for dinner and tea at a sidewalk cafe. During the
July 4th holiday weekend, we went to an inside cafe
because it was so hot and humid. Inside were three US

Navy chiefs in whites! Their eyes were bugged out when they saw my niece because she is a very beautiful 22 year old and was wearing a very form fitting dress. [this sounds like a reenactment when the young Howard was in Vietnam 30 years ago--Ed]

After they suffered for a little while, I went to their table and introduced myself as an American and a retired Army Master Sergeant. I tried to talk with them but they were distracted by my niece. What is it about young Vietnamese women around young American men?

When we said our goodbyes, one of the chiefs gave me a challenge coin from their ship. It is the USS Patriot. It is a very, very nice coin and I gave it to my niece, so I will not be able to show it to you when I return to the USA but you might find a copy at the ship's website.

That is all for now. I have not seen any other military items of note, to include certain numbers for certain Gramsters.

Championship Question Corner

Question: How many classes of Reichlotteri tickets were issued? Question 137, difficulty 3.

Yesterday's Question: What series of US bonds were sold during WWII? Question 136, difficulty 3.

Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote: war and defense bonds. Kathy Myers wrote: Series E, F, and G. [Bill's answer is interesting, but since the question specifically asked for series the letters are necessary. There is one small problem needing deconflicting. Series F bonds certainly were issued as defense bonds, but never had the war legend. They were however war bonds in everything but title. I believe that we must go with Kathy's answer.

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Editorial

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Although class does not start for a few more hours, yesterday was busy and it is a bit frantic right now. Yesterday, I and many others went to the Colorado Springs coin show. A spontaneous mini Fest broke out. I hope one of the minis will report on that. I spent a few hours at the show but, believe it or not, that was all that I spent! I had some nice chats with some old friends and made a few new ones. The new venue for the show is quite wonderful even if the location leaves something to be desired (being seven miles from campus).

As I look around my dorm room, I wonder how I am going to get all of this junk over to the class room. I also think of all of the things that I wish that I had brought.

Last night in the mess hall, I spotted Don Kagin. He was not here last week so I figured that he was a good mark to not have his challenge coin. Not only was I right, but when I challenged him, his bride (they were

newlyweds last year at this time) looked sheepish too and I recalled that she too is a rightful holder of a challenge coin so I got a twofer. Barb Olson at the table thought that the odds were good and promptly displayed hers. The bad news is that if history is a lesson, Don will fullfill his obligation at the end of course cocktail party.

It should be a fun week. Of course I will be reporting on some event, but I hope that some students will also send in some reports during the week.

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Mail Call

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Dear Gram,

I have observed the Festers from last year who recieved partial pay that was only a pathetic 44 anas are still (rightly) upset about this situation. How can a Fester survive on a stinking 44 anas?

Fest administration should remember this dreadful situation. I suggest that when partial pays are distributed today that back partials be paid as well.

Wendell

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Donations are now being accepted for the 2006 scholarship fund. Applications are also being accepted for the 2006 scholarships.

Donors to 2006 scholarship fund: Sue McCarty (list pending)

Contact me at: "Marcus Turner" mail to: maturner@indy.rr.com Checks should be made out to the "Military Numismatists Scholarship." or Marcus Turner

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AFC lire issued

Payday at military seminar 6 introduced Allied Fest lire. Students were paid in Series 1944 AF lire for the first time. The exchange rate started at 1.70 lire to the US dollar but the lire dropped significantly during the day. Reports are that it was because of the world cup game, but of course there is no way to confirm this.

Pay officer Bill Myers presided over payday activities after new students were trained on how to participate in a traditional pay parade.

Today at 1730 parital pays were distributed to old timers who had pay books but are not currently students in the seminar. Myers again presided and announced that because of confusion, partial pays would be issued again on Tuesday at 1730 in the mess hall.

Home Sweet Home

by Kevin Neidy

I see Doug has one upped me on the comments I made

about Ringing his Bell! Truth is I had entered about a 1/8 mile up stream to get better shots of the Waimai waterfalls in Kauai. I have to hand it to him for catching that shot. I only wish I had my camera out to catch him getting that parking ticket in the Hummer we rented. Doug quickly pocketed it (grinning ear to ear) stating it was a great souvenir for his collection. I guess once a collector always a collector. We had a great time and I had hoped to have better access to emails to report on the ships happenings. We have another friend (Casey Crowdis) that attended with us that took great video shots that should be available (edited) by fest to show all that are interested. We were treated to a show of might by our support ships, with them pulling up close to the side of the aircraft carrier they demonstrated every capability from knocking down incoming missiles, blowing up unlawful boats (drug runners, pirates) to fending off a chemical attack. The destroyer has a defense when attacked by chemical agents to cleanse it self and we have great pictures of it operating that mission, I will send the scans to Doug being he wants to post them on the site for those interested. On the Fourth of July we celebrated our freedoms by having a steel beach BBQ on the Reagan's flight deck it was definitely the best food of the tour! At night we had a traditional fireworks show of tracer bullets from all the ships mighty guns, flare grenades and flare guns and rocket launchers all in sync with patriotic music. A very moving seen while at sea.

I ended up getting the boat bug on the last day, it was a very nasty virus that one gets when people do not wash their hands after using the restroom then passed on to others on the rails. The ships doctor stated that it is quite common unfortunately about 1000 of us found this out the hard way. I am told this is the same bug that is going around on modern day cruise ships. makes you think a bit? Even after that I was still very happy to have attended and would like to thank my sponsors Douglas/Karen Bell and their great son Ty for inviting me to attend, giving me 5000+ photos and a once in a lifetime event to remember.

Items appearing in the second session YN auction of interest to gramsters:

YN auction

by Joe Boling

The YN auction at military seminar 6 includes several items of interest to Festers world wide. This is just a preview since submissions are still being accepted.

Here are the items that I have seen that are possibly

of interest:

Small envelope of waste swept up from the floor of Great Lakes Banknote Co after separation of sheets of a GLBC product.

Unissued basic pay envelope for an arriving member of the 2006 Military Numismatics seminar (the envelope includes the entire basic pay for a student at military seminar 6 who did not arrive in the theater).

MPCFest canteen chit booklet endorsed for use at the 2006 Military Numismatics seminar.

\$50 ANA casino certificate series 061 (used in Atlanta, printed by Great Lakes Banknote Co).

2 lire Allied training certificate series 1944 misprinted on same green paper as regular issue Allied fest certificates of the same series, serial B00000001B

40 lire Allied fest certificate series 1944 SN A00000002A. [purchase this lot at your own risk. After examination by Fest CID, it might be subject to confiscation--Ed]

Items rumored to be appearing in this auction:
complete set of ANA casino certificates series 061 (\$1, 2, 5, 25, 50, 100)

\$5 ANA library sale scrip for 2006 week 2, serial *00008

Championship Question Corner

Question: How many block were printed for AM yen?

Question 138, difficulty 1.

Yesterday's Question: How many classes of Reichlotteri tickets were issued? Question 137, difficulty 3.

Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote: thirteen with the last issue not released because of the war. Kathy Myers wrote: there were five classes of German lotteries [Bill's answer is interesting, but since the question specifically asked for classes, Kathy is correct. There were indeed thirteen lotteries and all of them in five classes. Please see also letters.--Ed]
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Editorial

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Day one of the second week ended where the first week ended--with a meeting of ANA staff, directors, and members discussing the apparent proposal to shorten the summer seminar to one week.

This week the meeting started out gentler than last week, but the emotions poured out as the meeting progressed.

The critical moment came in response to the last

question of the day. Governor Don Kagin redeemed himself for not having his challenge coin the evening before and stated unambiguously to the assembled membership that the 2007 seminar will be two weeks in length.

I applaud Governor Kagin for his leadership. Although the discussion also seemed obvious to me, he was the only one to step forward and clearly announce the decision. I must also say that he was the best person to make and announce the decision because he is chairman of the association education committee. Congratulations and thank you Don Kagin.

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Mail Call

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Dear Gram,

I have received several requests for tiger cruise notes. Thank you to everyone. Now for the twist. Several of the responses were deposited in my spam folder. If you request a note, I will respond. Therefore, if you request a note and do NOT receive a response, your request is out in the ether somewhere so please send it again.

Doug (doug@papermoneyworld.net)

Dear Gram,

Greetings from the one left at home! Thanks for all the Gram news during the Summer Session. I enjoy keeping up on what's going on in Colorado Springs - and elsewhere.

Thanks for the credit for the question yesterday, though I did not submit an answer yesterday. Hope whoever did clarify the series of the war bonds gets the credit.

However, I will try my attempt at today's question, and clarify that I believe there were 13 lotteries, but that the Reichslotterie tickets were issued in 3 classes. We'll see which Myers is right today. Enjoy the second week of class!

Kathy Myers

Dear Kathy,

You get the credit for the war bond question because no one sent in the correct answer.

Now you have me worried. When I put in the lottery class question, Wendell Wolka told me that there are five classes, but three seem more correct and I do not have a book here to consult. I am sure that someone will tell us for sure (and I will have a look in the book too).

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Colorado Mini Fest

by Bill Myers & Warner Talso

A spontaneous minifest broke out at 1400 at the Colorado Springs coin show on 8 JUL 2006. In attendance were Kathy & Don Freeland, Bill Myers, Tony James, Warner Talso, Robert Drew, Sam & Max Spiegel, David Klinger, Ken Hallenbeck and of course Fred Schwan and Joe Boling. Items shown included a music book from the AEF, a medal commemorating battles in WWI, a Belgium medal presented to an American in appreciation for support given to the refugees, two Nazi medals denominated in shillings (use uncertain), three notes similar to Azad Hind notes that were for good wishes, checks denominated in gallons of gas, ration checks, notes from the Atlanta ANA, a check from Coca-cola (presented because soldiers drink coke...weak), receipts from old utility bills and others. Tony James is an Australian paper money dealer who will be taking the Basic Military Numismatics at the summer seminar. He had completed Joe Bolings Counterfeit Detection course. He brought some of his stock and it contained some quite interesting pieces. He has managed to separated some of us from our FRNs. Pay was received which was a \$50 serial numbered note with a picture of Abe Lincoln next to a flag as well as the obverse and reverse of a Pan Pacific round \$50 and MPC Fest 2002 on the face. It was also overprinted with Memphis 2006, had a postage cancellation dated Jun 16 2006 from the International Paper Money Show Station at the Memphis show and Summer Seminar Colorado Springs 2006 in gold print. The back has the photo of the statue from the Lincoln Memorial and with ANA overprinted in green. The other note is a \$20 with a portrait of Liberty and the obverse and reverse of a St Gaudens \$20. It has the same overprints as the \$50 but is a specimen. The back has the statue of liberty with ANA overprinted in green. Joe Boling's paybook was full so he had to be issued a temporary book. The meeting adjourned at 1445.

Championship Question Corner

Question: List seven countries that had forces stationed in occupied Germany. Question 139, difficulty 3.

Yesterday's Question: How many blocks were printed for AM yen? Question 138, difficulty 2.

Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote: A yen had two blocks A-A & H-A (replacements). The B yen had blocks A-A & H-A for 10 & 50 sen, 10, 20 & 100 yen. 1 yen had blocks A-A, B-B, C-C, D-D, & H-A. 5 yen had Blocks A-A, B-B & H-A. The 1000 yen had blocks A-A, B-B, C-C, D-D & E-E. So in summary A yen had 2 blocks & B yen had 2, 3 & 5 blocks depending on the denomination. I hope I did not mess this one up like the last 2. [Well, here we go again. You answered the question that I asked instead of the one I intended! I had intended to ask what blocks were issued for AM 1000 yen notes. Now we will clarify your answer. You forgot one. What was it?]

Lire Falling

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Editorial

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Wow, the ANA authorities have announced a decision that simply confirms the announcement made yesterday by Don Kagin and reported here. We hope to have the entire text of the news release tomorrow. Just as I commended Don's leadership today, I commend the ANA staff for clarifying and confirming the decision. The summer seminar is a gem. It is an important program in more ways than we can count. This entire matter has taken too much of my time and energy this week, but hopefully something good will come of it. One of the facts repeatedly stated regarding the seminar is that it serves less than one percent of the membership. This figure has been more or less accepted because it seems obvious that 300 teachers and students are less than one percent of 33,000. One of the teachers of the coins in the classroom class told me that while that might be true, the one percent is an important one percent being a very high percentage of the very influential members. I think that is a good point. In addition, I have been thinking about this and believe that an important part has been forgotten. A very high percentage of people come to the seminar on scholarship. Those scholarships are created and

supported by many other members (and potential members). Let us just consider the one person who is here on the internal military collectors scholarship. More than sixty collectors participated in raising the money. All of them support the scholarship--and seminar. They realize that it is important to the hobby and therefore to them personally.

Another person is here on a scholarship for winning best of show at the FUN convention. Not only did the FUN board of directors approve and support this, but this wonderful prize was certainly coveted by other participants at the FUN convention.

Then of course there are YN scholarships with similar connections. Parents and gradparents who are excited about participation of YNs even if they cannot participate themselves.

Therefore, I estimate that if there are 300 people present, they represent at least 3300 total participants or 10% of the membership. Finally, these remote participants vary more each year than do actual attendees.

Furthermore, two scholarship recipients with whom I have spoken state that they are expected to write articles for the respective journals one the seminar experience hence more influence. Another paying participant writes for a foreign numismatic publication and states that he will have at least three articles in his magazine about the seminar, ANA, and the experience.

Although I at first accepted the one percent argument, I now know better as described above.

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Mail Call

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Dear Gram,

The question on the German lotterie tickets has this answer. There were 13 lotteries with the 13th being considered not issued due to being close to the end of the war. There have been remainder tickets recorded for the 13th lotterie without a merchant stamp. We have since found some tickets that have a lotterie merchant stamp on them leading us to believe that some were issued even though there was never a drawing for this lotterie.

There are Roman Numerals in the corners of these tickets, I, II, III, which stands for 400,000 tickets being printed for each group, total amount of tickets for each issue was 1.2 million.

There are 5 Klassen per each lotterie.

Harold Kroll

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Replacement Sells

The second reported MPC Series 591 \$5 sold yesterday at ebay auction for \$12,100 after obviously heated bidding.

The note was listed by the seller as being in extremely fine condition, but it looks more like a fine in the scan. Of course, what difference does it make when it is only the second one known in any collection?!

Three collectors pushed it to this record/near record level and several others were not far behind. This is certainly the highest price ever paid on ebay for a military payment certificate. It is virtually a tie for a publicly traded replacement (remember the Series 651 \$10 replacement last month).

Here is a link to the ebay auction where you can see the note and the bid history.

<http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=290005185564>

Lire Falling

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Pressure has been exerted from outside Camp May West to prop up the lire (see letters). Although such actions may not be legal they are certain to have an effect on exchange rates.

Championship Question Corner

Question: What MPC sold for the highest price at public auction? Question 140, difficulty 1. Bonus points: Who were the buyers and sellers and what was the auction company?

Yesterday's Question: List seven countries that had forces stationed in occupied Germany. Question 139, difficulty 3.

Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote: First of all, about the AM yen block that I missed. It was the BEP-printed 1 yen block B-. Now, regarding yesterday's question: There were the big 4-United States, United Kingdom, France and the Soviet Union. Three other countries had produced military currency for their troops for use in Germany and they were Denmark, Belgium, and the Netherlands. I also thought Canada had troops but that makes 8. [Bill, good job on all counts. Yes, Canada did participate in the occupation, but, as you know, we are always lenient regarding questions we only asked for seven. The ones that you named all issued specific paper money issues for occupied Germany so it is easy for us to name them. There is at least one more country that is known to have had troops in occupied Germany. Unfortunately, we

do not know of ANY numismatic issues for this country.
It is Norway. It is also altogether possible that
other countries participated too. Luxembourg comes to
mind.--Ed]

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Editorial
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Oh no. Now that it is confirmed that the summer
seminar next year will be two weeks, we learn that the
dates selected for the first week (commencing on June
23 07) will conflict with the Memphis Paper Money
Show. Of course this is an entirely different
situation than the one that has been discussed here in
the past. Conflicts are not avoidable (we do not know
if this one was) and must (sometimes) be accepted.
Also, of course, this conflict only affects a
limited number of seminar participants. Of those who
were here for two weeks this year possibly only
Boling, Wolka, and Schwan will be affected.
Wolka reported the dates and the conflict Tuesday
evening. Oh well.

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Mail Call
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Dear Gram,
The AM yen block forgotten was B- on one yen BEP
notes.

Harold Kroll

Dear Gram,
David Klinger handed out a British 4th series 1
pound special voucher and a 6th series 10 pence (B &
W) with the overprinting of ANA Summer Seminar 2006.
There is a secret mark on the notes but uv got to use
a special technique to see it, I can't be morse
specific.

Bill Myers

Dear Gram,
I guess those of us not involved with the ANA
Course are anxious for each new Gram to keep us
up-to-date on the goings on.
Actually, I'm amazed you have time to do any Grams
while things are happening in Colorado Springs. Maybe
I'm just getting "hooked" on these ramblings of
"military @%#\$", as I used to call it. Perhaps I
should put them in my spam box so I stop reading them.
But on the other hand, I could be hooked on worse
things and I am learning something in the process.
Usable knowledge, I'm not sure, but it'll keep the
old brain working. Now to get some more competition out there to
participate in the Challenge Questions! Competing only
with my hubby may not bode well for harmony in the
Myers household. Come on all you old-time Festers. Get
those knowledgeable brains going and those fingers

typing...By the by, I bow to my husband's answer to today's question...Keep those grams coming.
Kathy Myers

Dear Gram,
I liked your editorial in 1482.

David Klinger (delivered orally at Colorado Springs)

Dear David,
Thank you. I must say that I get VERY little feedback on the editorials.

Editor

Howdy Fred,
Bill Myers forgot one particular AMC yen note, the B with no B suffix, the USBEP replacement.
I am going to compose at least a wants ad for the MPC Gram. I find it hard to believe that nobody seems to use this free service. I'll send a wants ad in my next email.
I sure missed the Memphis show, and all my friends. Even you!
Best wishes for now.....
Mike

Dear Gram,
In an effort to support the exchange rate I will exchange current MFC at the rate of 2.5 lire = \$1.00 MFC current series up to \$100 MFC per student.

David
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Auction commentary

by Richard Doric

With regard to the MPC replacement that brought the big bucks on eBay. When I see such an item, I always check out the underbidders looking for "shill bidding activity."

In this particular case there is a bidder that has been registered on eBay since March 2005, and this person has ZERO feedback.

Are we to assume that this person has been waiting for almost a year and a half for something to come up for sale that was exciting enough to illicit a bid!! Strange indeed.

Can any gramster own up to being the possessor of the eBay ID in question??

Also, one of my favorite gripes are sellers that use "buyers IDs kept private" or some such words that hide the bidders IDs and do not allow us to be on the look out for the similar shill bidding. (In my less than humble opinion, the only IDs that should be private are perhaps those of purchasers of pornographic or similar materials).

I have written to eBay about this and perhaps others can join the effort.

ANA EXPANDING SUMMER SEMINAR TO INCLUDE CLASSES AT CONVENTIONS

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO The American Numismatic Association will expand its Summer Seminar schedule to include programs at both annual conventions, beginning with the National Money Show in Charlotte, N.C., next March.

The enhanced program will make Summer Seminar classes available to students who cant travel to Colorado Springs during the summer, or who dont have the time to attend a weeklong event. The traditional Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs will continue to be presented during two weeks in July.

ANA officials held two public meetings with Seminar students, on July 6 and 9, asking students for their thoughts on the traditional Summer Seminar program in Colorado Springs. Students overwhelmingly called for the continuation of the two week session, but were mixed on prospects of expanding courses at ANA conventions.

We asked for input and heard a very clear message, said ANA Chief Operations Officer Sheryl von Blucher. Many who attended two open meetings spoke passionately about their experiences in Colorado Springs. They loved the option of taking more than one course and being able to choose from more than one session.

And they emphasized the value of having the resources of the library and museum readily available.

von Blucher emphasized that the continued commitment to maintaining the classic Summer Seminar session (two weeks since its expansion in 2000) reflects the ANAs renewed commitment to listening to and acting on input from its membership.

She said the ANA will continue to look for ways to expand its educational program, and is committed to presenting Summer Seminar-quality courses immediately preceding its annual conventions.

While developing the ANA strategic plan, ANA staff concluded that while Summer Seminar is popular, it

only reaches about 1 percent of association membership with its comprehensive educational offerings. Expanding the program was unanimously approved by the Board of Governors during open session in Atlanta this past April.

The commitment to expanding educational courses means students have the option of taking Summer Seminar-type classes in three locations at three different times of the year, von Blucher said.

The ANA Board of Governors stresses that education is a pillar of the ANA, and that the 32,000-member association must find a way to reach more members with its educational programming to ensure that the interest in numismatics flourishes in coming generations.

Its really about passing on our legacy and opening up and sharing the world of numismatics to a wider audience, von Blucher said.

Currently, 280 students are attending Summer Seminar classes in Colorado Springs; 76 of those participants are first-time students. ANA Executive Director Chris Cipoletti said he expects significantly more students will be able to enroll in Summer Seminar courses when theyre offered at different dates and locations.

Cipoletti also expects thousands of numismatists will be able to combine educational pursuits with convention travel. Those students will immediately take what they learned in their classes and apply that knowledge on the bourse floor, he said.

The educational programs preceding the conventions will be renamed, but the educational approach will remain the same. The same commitment will be made to the quality of both the curriculum and the instruction, Cipoletti said.

Tuition, fees and other details are being finalized; the new programs will be offered immediately preceding the National Money Show in Charlotte, March 16-18, 2007, and the Worlds Fair of Money in Milwaukee, Aug. 8-12, 2007.

Information on these educational programs at the conventions will be updated regularly on the ANA website at www.money.org, and made available at the ANA booth during the Denver Worlds Fair of Money, August 16-19.

The American Numismatic Association is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to educating and encouraging people to study and collect money and related items. With nearly 33,000 members, the Association serves the academic community, collectors and the general public with an interest in numismatics. The ANA helps all people discover and explore the world of money through its vast array of programs including its education and outreach, museum, library, publications, conventions and seminars.

For more information about the ANA, call

719.632.2646 or visit www.MONEY.org.

Lire Falling

The exchange rate for Allied Fest certificates has continued to fall. It closed at 3.50 lire per dollar on Wednesday. Rumors about the possibility of a currency conversion or other serious action have been spreading like wildfire.

Championship Question Corner

Question: Who ran the Frankfurt Barter Store. Question 141, difficulty 2.

Yesterday's Question: What MPC sold for the highest price at public auction? Question 140, difficulty 1. Bonus points: Who were the buyers and sellers and what was the auction company?

Comments from the field: Kathy Myers wrote: My answer is that Series 651 \$10 replacement note that you mentioned. I can tell you that it went for \$12,650, sold by Lyn Knight's Auction in Memphis last month, and that the buyer's and seller's were someone besides Bill or Kathy Myers. (Does that count for bonus points??) [Kathy, didn't Bill tell you?--Ed] Bill Myers wrote: I will admit I cannot even guess on this one but I would say Fred probably bought it. [The correct answer is that Marv Mericle sold it through Lyn Knight auctions and Al Glaser bought it. The price was \$16,000 or thereabouts.--Ed]

Editorial

We had a new twist today at the summer seminar. The coins in the classroom class came to Camp Leo May West to learn about military numismatics and experience the Fest approach to learning. I think that it was a success.

As students arrived Bill Myers and Brain Fanton issued ration cards and (temporary/training) pay books to the visiting students. They were paid 40 lire for attending the lecture and could buy materials from the book store, canteen, and bond officer. They also created short snorters.

Becky Jerka ran the book store and Warner Talso sold bonds. It was a good team effort and I believe that we convinced the students that we have the greatest numismatic field there is. I am sure that we convinced them that we think that!

I will have more seminar comment tomorrow.

Mail Call

Dear ANA Summer Seminar students,
Since I have not been contacted in my effort to

help support the Lire to MFC conversion rate, the conclusion that must be drawn, that there is a concerted effort to manipulate the rate so that person(s) unknown will benefit from the artificial rate drop.

Clearly the proper authorities need to be contacted so that a full and complete investigation will expose the culprit's).

David

Dear Gram,

I believe that the 2007 Memphis International Paper Money Show will be held on June 15, 16, and 17th. I checked with Mike Crabb at the end of the 2006 show and was told that it would be held the 3rd weekend of June. Therefore there will be almost a week between the show and the first of summer seminar on the 23rd.

Dave Frank

Dear Dave,

Thanks. I got the dates from Wendell who got it somewhere off the internet. I called Mike Crabb to get a final answer but had to leave a message. Hopefully, we will get the final answer tomorrow.

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Sucessful Seminar Closes

The sixth military numismatics seminar closed today. The afternoon session today featured presentations by the advanced course students. At the closing banquet, the military students

humiliated themselves in attempting to sing patriotic songs. Sing Along Sergeant Freeland promised that there will be much more training before the next attempt.

Lire Withdrawn

After the dollar-lire exchange rate fell to a record of 3.75 lire/dollar the exchanges were closed. Later Camp Leo G. May West was closed and an exchange was announced. AFC lire was exchanged for Series 062 MFC.

Championship Question Corner

Question: What was the series designation of the last three series of Frankfurt barter units?

Yesterday's Question: Who ran the Frankfurt Barter Store. Question 141, difficulty 2.

Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote: Lieutenant Branagan was the manager of the Frankfurt Barter Store.

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Editorial

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I had a wonderful time at the summer seminar. It was great to see old friends and make some new ones. I even learned many things!
As much as I participated in the fight to have a two week seminar next week, I am glad that it is not three weeks! I have had sensory overload.
As great as the seminar was, it was not as great as previous years because of the rumors/political situation regarding seminar scheduling. I hope and believe that the situation is resolved, but a small part of me still is worrying about it.

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Mail Call

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Dear Editor,
At the bottom of the 2006 Memphis program the dates for the 2007 show are given as June 22-24. Maybe someone took a quick look at the calendar and missed the dates for the third weekend in June 2007.

Michele

Michele,
Thank you. Mike Crabb also called to confirm these dates. Additional comments made at the seminar indicate that the dates are still not final.

Editor

Dear Editor,
Early in 1944 it was reported that replica Japanese

Invasion Currency, similar to that being used in British Oceania, was being sold at The Curio Shop, in Sydney, on the corner of Castlereagh and Martin Place. An official investigation was started in May, 1944. When interviewed, the proprietor of the shop stated that he purchased the notes from a trader in Toowoomba, named Brookman. The first official letter I found is dated 25 May, 1944. It has an endorsement from George Watson, Deputy Crown Solicitor addressed to The Secretary, Note Issue Department, Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA). It said: " I know of no law which is being infringed. If you desire the inquiries continued in Brisbane I will arrange for such action to be taken." The investigation, in fact, continued until December of 1944.

On 14 June, 1944, an official summary of the investigation up to then reported that the replica Japanese invasion currency was printed in Brisbane by Economy Printers Pty. Ltd. for the Bulldog Casket Shop. The Director of Economy Printers also reported that the word REPLICA was included on the notes, even though the Censor did not require it. He also said that up to that time only about 5 lbs. of paper had been used. Further, he reported that quantities of other notes without the word replica were on sale in Brisbane. The source of these notes was not revealed in these files. Both of these types are discussed in S/B (p 621).

These are just a few trivial facts from a 30 page file from the CBA titled Japanese Invasion Currency. I found no more "smoking guns" in this file, but the files do give me the impression that the Commonwealth Bank of Australia was involved in more official counterfeiting operations of Japanese invasion currency during WWII. It is also clear from these files, that early in the war the Australian press and military considered that the Japanese invasion currency in use in British Oceania was also planned for use in the event that the Japanese would invade Australia. I will make these files available to the ANA summer seminar military numismatics class for them to study and draw their own conclusions.

David Klinger

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MORE ON COUNTERFEITING
(or MORON COUNTERFEITING)

by Jim Downey

Those of you who follow coin related discussion boards on the internet have probably come across numerous threads relating to Chinese counterfeits of US coins. These are typically trade dollars and Morgan dollars.

While many of these counterfeits are deceptive, many others are simply ridiculous and would not fool anyone. These include coins with a Morgan dollar obverse and the reverse of an American Silver Eagle.

Absurd counterfeits are not restricted to coins and in one case include MPC. The February 12, 1953 edition of the Austin (MN) Daily Herald contains an article about counterfeit MPC in Okinawa. The chief provost marshal on Okinawa, LTC William E. Walkup, warned occupation personnel and local businesses about counterfeit \$10.00 MPC. These would be Series 481 notes.

The notes could be easily detected as they contained quite a few discrepancies. These included misspelling the words certificate, regulations and establishments. In addition, the "E" in "E Pluribus Unum" is backwards and the "P" is missing from Pluribus. Despite these errors, the provost marshal had a difficult time tracking down the counterfeiter.

Championship Question Corner
Question: The Free French local issue for New Caladonia has what vignette on the face?

Yesterday's Question: What was the series designation of the last three series of Frankfurt barter units?

Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote: If I interpret the question right the last 3 series of barter notes are 1947 (2 varieties), 1947A & 1947B (not released). The first series was 1946.

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Editorial
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A micro Fest (without a note issue (yet)) was held in PC yesteray when rather unexpectedly Rob Drew showed up looking to add to his collection. We are (just about) always happy to see a Fest here at Fest HQ so it was a good idea. Rob is pulling his worldly possessions behind him (not in a shopping cart). He is moving from Utah to New Hampshire. The boss is always ready for a restaurant dinner so we went to the Jolly Roger (well known to Festers). It was wonderful. Not the food (although that was good), the experience. Rob parked his big rig in a near-by parking lot and I picked him up. As soon as we got to the the Jolly Roger I busted him with my challenge coin. He was plum full of excuses, but no challenge coin. Judy did not arrive at the Roger for another 10 mins. I challenged her (and by implication Rob too). She was wonderful. She dug into her purse and extracted one after another challenge coins. I think that she had six of them! Rob was jealous. I was proud. It being Monday, I had an appointment in the evening to study the laws of probablity and chance so Rob and I went to the poker game. He feigned being a reluctant player, but he did better than I did (but we both lost). Today Rob wants to see the streamlined warehouse and look at notes. I think that we can accomplish those tasks.

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Dear Gram,

Maybe the solution is NOT bid until the last minute The shiller then won't have time to pump in more bids.

Nick

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The Master Sergeant Daniel Completes Overseas Tour!!
by Howard A. Daniel III

It is difficult to believe a month has gone by since I arrived here in Viet Nam!! Maybe because it was such a busy time.

My first few days were the most productive for numismatic material and then it sloped down to nothing during my last few days. For the first time, I did not buy any MPC or coupons for anyone because it was either too high priced and/or the grades were too low. When did Gramsters start caring about grading and pricing?

I ordered my standard group of 25 t-shirts with something about Viet Nam on them. I use them as gifts back in the USA, mostly to youngsters but I do have a few XXL and XL for those BIG adults! I had to look for my t-shirt man to order them. His old location doubled his rent so he moved to a cheaper location. All of downtown Saigon (District 1) is becoming very expensive for the retailers, and it is being passed on to the tourists! But when going outside of downtown, the prices get back to very reasonable!

I bought about 20 hard and soft cover books and many magazines and newspapers for my library, and a few for some friends who are also researching related areas of Viet Nam. They weigh a TON in my suitcase so I will shift a few to each of Phung's two suitcases, and will still likely have to leave a couple here because my suitcase would be overweight. And you do not want to be overweight these days in air travel!!

My wife also bought her standard order of one dozen purses/handbags for the female managers on her staff and some friends. Phung is a regular purse buyer for herself too. She buys a new one every month, and salts the old one away in one of her suitcases. When she makes a trip to Viet Nam, she brings all of them and gives them out to sisters, sisters-in-laws, nieces, cousins, friends, etc.

I spent a lot of time going around town with one or two at a time of our six nieces before Phung arrived, and then she took them around with her too. It gives them a lot of English time in real life situations, and I just like having good looking young ladies around me!

Quoc was in-country most of my time here. He was at Memphis and then went on to Singapore for a show and visiting the dealers and collectors there, so I beat

him back into Viet Nam. I bought a couple of pieces for him and I am bringing back a couple of orders for him. His new shop is at 27 Nguyen Thi Dieu in District 3 and his email is now SaigonCoin@MrsPhuong is still at 80 Le Loi in her sliver of a shop. I bought more than a dozen very old personal Buddhist charms from her that were probably left here by some Thai soldiers during the war. I will be giving them to some Thai I know back in Northern Virginia. They will love them! I also bought some old documents that came out of the palace in Hue when there was still an emperor living there. I think I have every emperor from Tu Duc to Bao Dai but I will have to check my new purchases against what is in the USA, if I can find them in my black hole! And Kim and Tuan are still doing business on Le Cong Kieu but I call them and set up a meeting at their house because that is where THE inventory is really located. Their email is QHung2703@Yahoo.com if you want to set something up before you arrive. They have a TON of MPC and other military stuff. I have really never had enough time after looking for my stuff to see all of it!

The Sunday morning coin, paper money and stamp club meeting next to the Art Museum near Le Cong Kieu is often a productive time for me. And it is a great place to meet other collectors who have similar interests. I am usually there about an hour, and then take a taxi over to Quoc's shop before we go to lunch together.

Our beach resort vacation at the Little Mui Ne Resort was great! We brought eight of the family with us and rented three cottages. The swimming pool got a workout from two or more of us from dawn to after dusk! And the restaurant menu was excellent enough that we rarely went outside to eat. There were Vietnamese dishes, but also some solid American and European food. I was the only American there. About half of the visitors were Vietnamese from HCMC, another 25% were German, and the rest were English, French and Belgium. It was really hell being around all of those bikinis!

My computer guru/source (a Viet Kieu with two stores in Vienna, Virginia) was here too for a few days. We met him for dinner at the Sheraton Hotel's buffet restaurant with one of our single nieces (he is single too). It is a GOOD place to eat! He has made a lot of money for a young man, and he wants to give some of it to some poor Vietnamese kids by setting up a free computer school. He is looking for a Vietnamese partner here and the right place, staff, etc. A good young man.

When I get back to the USA in about 36 hours, I have about a week to sort out things and pack for a drive to the Denver ANA. I will be stopping to see some numismatists along the way out and back, so if you are on my route going due East from Virginia on a lot of I-40 and coming back on a lot of I-20, send me an email at HADaniel3@msn.com and I will try to bother you for a

couple of hours.

That is it for this tour. I hope you guys and gals have the ole USA still intact by the time I land.

Championship Question Corner

Question: For what country did Edmund Dulac design notes during World War II. Bonus point--where did he live when he did the work (what country)? Difficulty 3. [What question (number) are we on?]

Yesterday's Question: The Free French local issue for New Caladonia has what vignette on the face?

Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote: The local printings have a vignette of a mine.

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Editorial

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Happy birthday Ski. Yes, the Skister is about to have his 31st anniversare of his 39th birthday. The actual day is Monday the 7th. His extended family is gathered in Texas this weekend to mark the event. Send you birthday wishes directly to Ski or send them here to the Gram.

In the finest Gram/Fest tradition, a celebration certificate was issued for the event. The notes were created by the Great Lakes Bank Note Company and include many interesting design features in addition to the portrait of Ski on the face. The basic issue of notes are being distributed at the TxSkiFest.

The basic issue of notes was in the block L-S. An additional ten notes were printed in block A-A for collectors. They are being offered on ebay (see 110017871739) in a Dutch auction that ends on the actual birthday--Monday the sevent. The ten notes are just about--but not exactly--what you would expect. They are serial numbers A00000001-A00000009A. The tenth note in issued format is A00000039A. I am not certain how this happened, but the numbers between 9 and 39 were NOT printed. The ten notes are supplemented with a specimen (from the L-S block). All of the proceeds will go to the 2007 military numismatics scholarship fund.

I had planned to try this sale as a one day event to see (among other things) how much activity we could generate in a day. Well, with the poor Gram-publishing record of late, I decided that I better save that experiment for another day. However, I must say that the auction generated bids almost immediately.

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Mail Call

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Dear Gram,

In the Summer 2006 issue of On Point, the Army Historical Foundation magazine, there is an item in Stray Rounds that might be of interest to some Gramsters. It is as follows;

Research Assistance...Dr. Marsha Orgeron, Assistant Professor of Film Studies at North Carolina State University, is conducting preliminary research for a book on amateur cinematography from World War II. Her primary interest is soldier film (8mm or 16mm) of concentration camps, but she is also interested in any moving images from the war (WWII). Anyone interested in assisting Dr. Orgeron can contact her at the Department of English, CB-8105, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC 27695-8015; by e-mail at Marsha_Orgeron@NCSU.edu; or telephone at (919) 515-4178.

Some of the filmtakers could have "souvenirs" from the camps they filmed or other information!

Howard Daniel

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Book Review
by Ron Waddell

Book: Military Government Journal (Normandy to Berlin)
By Major General John J Maginnis

Editor: Robert A Hart
1971 The University of Massachusetts Press

Editors Preface: (excerpt) The Civil Affairs/Military Government function of the United States Army had its formal beginning with the invasion of Normandy in 1944. This journal, opening with that event and closing in the ruined city of Berlin, is a day-to-day record of CA/MG field operations. "To our knowledge it is a unique record of such activity," Gen. Hal C Pattison, chief of military history, Department of the Army, has stated. Nor had I, prior to assuming editorship of the manuscript, encountered any work that provided details of what it was like to rule civilians in recently occupied or conquered nations.

I bought this book (used book store) because of the preface written by the editor. It is one of the more interesting "boring" books I've read, if that makes sense. It was interesting to see what was happening in these countries after hostilities had moved out of the area, but boring when you consider a day to day account of anything. I assumed, erroneously, that there had to be many instances where money was an issue and AMC, French francs, German marks and Belgium francs would be discussed. At least this thought kept me reading. Wages, commodities, black market, pricing, rationing were mentioned frequently and it seems money was important, but the specific currency must not have been an issue. McGinnis (the author) was a major in June 1944 and a

full colonel when he left Berlin in March 1945.

Here are excerpts that had reference to money.

June 27, 1944 Carentan, France : Capt. Walker and Col. Harris, finance officer, called on banks to ascertain status of coins.

July 5, 1944 Carentan: Capt. Berkeley went to finance officer, 83rd Division, for pay of both U.S. and British personnel.

July 19, 1944 Carentan: Capt. Walker called on banks and learned that balances have increased - Societe Generale, 6,300,000 francs; and Credit Lyonnais, 1,600,000 francs.

July 24, 1944 Carentan: Civilians were in to pay for supplies - almost half a million francs was taken in. Amounts and prices for supplies were always approved by First Army before any sale could be made, and terms were always cash on delivery of the item being purchased.

Sept. 7, 1944 Charleville, France: Banking situation well in hand. All banks and branches have sufficient cash for 30 days. Wage scales normal. No signs of inflation.

Oct. 26, 1944 Mons, Belgium: A bright spot showed up in the area of finance. M. Gut, the Belgian finance minister, called in all Belgian money and was issuing new currency in its place. Probably this could have

been done only in a small country so soon after its liberation. It made worthless the vast amounts of money that the Germans had taken out of Belgium on their departure, and, since old money could only be exchanged for new at designated banks, it brought to light the war profiteers and those who had been working with the enemy.

July 13, 1945 Berlin: Although the Russians were supposed to have cleared out of Schoneberg, Colonel Terakanoff and his staff had not. Captain Bond got a call from the manager of the stadtbank that Russians were breaking into his building. He rushed down to the Kaiser Wilhelm Platz and, sure enough, a detachment of Russians were trying to break open the vault, under the watchful eye of my friend Lt. Col. Terakanoff. Captain Bond ordered him to stop. The colonel replied that there was money inside that belonged to the Russians and he was not leaving Schoneberg without taking it with him. Further discussion revealed that Col. Terakanoff had placed money in a safe deposit vault and had misplaced the key. He therefore was taking more direct means with an assortment of crowbars, sledge hammers, and blowtorches. A tank detachment was close by, and in short order four tanks were on their way to the Kaiser Wilhelm Platz. Col. Terakanoff was standing on the steps of the bank, smoking one of those long Russian cigarettes, when the tanks arrived ready for action. He shrugged his shoulders, gathered his men and equipment together, and left for the Soviet sector. An investigation showed that there was over half a million Reich marks in the vault and that it really belonged to the Russians. That afternoon Col. Terakanoff came to my office. He seemed quite shaken and wanted to know when he could retrieve his money. I told him that we would have to have an investigation and, just as in the Russian army, it would undoubtedly take a week or so to get a decision. He was quite upset and I gathered that he foresaw unpleasant questions from his superiors. My interpreter told me later that Terakanoff and his officers had made a big night of it, go up late in fuzzy condition, and had not been able to find the key to the bank vault.

July 15, 1945 Berlin: After General Parks reviewed the stadtbank affair of last Thursday, he ordered that the money be turned over to the Russians. It did not take Col. Terakanoff long to get to the bank and withdraw his 511,000 marks.

July 26, 1945 Berlin: With different nations supplying commodities for Berlin consumption, it had been necessary to set up a basis of relative values. There was a table of equivalents, or exchange ratios. For example, a liter of milk equaled so much coal, mutton, or other commodity. Even in the same commodity there were relative values, such as in coal, where Ruhr, Muckenbunrg, and Silesian coals all had different values. It was in reality a barter table, and it

surprised me that it was operating so satisfactorily. August 13, 1945 Berlin: The food rationing system was not working well at all. It was not being enforced and the average civilian who had no money to buy on the black market was living on 600 to 800 calories a day. The rationing schedule had been established but food was not available to maintain it. Even so, we issued 857,838 ration cards in our sector, based on the following schedule; heavy workers, 2,482 calories; manual workers, 1,993 calories; employees, 1,601 calories; children 1,385 calories; and all others, 1,248 calories.

August 24, 1945 Berlin: The black market might be anywhere - on a corner, in a park, in some ruins, in a home, or between two persons meeting on the street. The fundamental motivation being hunger, food was the commodity in greatest demand, with the probable exception of cigarettes. Money in large amounts was fed into the black market by military personnel, especially by Russian soldiers. There were untold millions of military marks in circulation in Berlin - the U.S. had printed a total of some six billion marks for ourselves, the British, and the French; and God only knew how much the Russians had printed on plates that we had turned over to them. This money was used to purchase food at many, many times its value under the rationing system, an obvious disadvantage for people who lacked money. Also there was an extensive amount of bartering or swapping. It was a common sight to see notes fastened to walls, trees, or fences, offering something for something else (a pair of shoes for serviceable bicycle tires, for example). It was believed that organized bartering might assist in reducing some of the black market activity, so an order was published today for the oberbugermeister to proceed with the establishment of barter markets throughout Berlin.

Nov. 5, 1945 Berlin: We were living in a cigarette economy. Black marketers sold them at a reported fifteen hundred marks per carton; U.S. personnel sold them to black marketers; and everyone used them for trading. The mark supposedly had a value of about ten cents, but actually it had almost no purchasing power. The use of cigarettes for money was not always a black market operation, for almost everyone used them at one time or another. For example, I wanted some wooden boxes in which to store some of my things and had a German carpenter make them for me. He asked me to pay him with cigarettes; he made it quite clear that he did not want German marks. Almost all tipping was done in the form of cigarettes. One of the best jobs in Berlin was to be a janitor in one of the army buildings because each night one could collect all the stubs and use them to make "new" cigarettes. I often wondered at what point a cigarette was actually smoked. Since it was a fairly fragile item, it was evident that, sooner or later, it was going to have to

stop being money and start being a cigarette if its value was not to be lost completely.

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Yesterday's Question: For what country did Edmund Dulac design notes during World War II. Bonus point--where did he live when he did the work (what country)? Difficulty 3. [What question (number) are we on?]

Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote: Question 144: Corsica & Free France notes (Caisse Centrale de la France Libre & Caisse Centrale de la France d'Outre-Mer). After WWII he designed the English/Marianne issues for France. He did this work from London, England.

Yesterday's answer to the question about the vignette on the Free French local issues for New Caledonia was given by bill Myers as "a mine."
However, I am not sure that is entirely correct. Pick describes the vignette as showing "ship near crane at left, factory at right". My belief is the vignette shows a port scene for the loading of nickel concentrate (New Caledonia has extensive lateritic nickel ore reserves which have for some time been mined for export and I assume these are concentrated before export for smelting and/or refining). The scene on the left, I suspect, shows loading on to a ship while the scene on the right, I believe, most likely shows the stockpile of nickel ore concentrate at the port waiting to be loaded, although it could be the mill treating ore to producing concentrate (particularly if it was located near the port).
Gramme A [Gram, I think that you are spot on.--Ed.]

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Editorial

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The ski celebration note (ebay 110017871739) seems to be doing very well. I have never been involved in a Dutch auction before. At first the rules seemd at least confusing, possibly crazy. Now that I have experienced it some, I understand it much better and even kind of like it. It is sort of like an auction within an auction. Remember Monday is the big birthday and also the end of the auction. Remember too that the money goes to the scholarship fund. I had not thought of it before, but we need to have a plan for distrubuting the notes by serial number. As I see it, the high bidder should get first choice (for all that s/he buys) then move down the line.

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Mail Call

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Dear Gram, A friend thought you might be interesting in the following www.money.org Web page:

<http://www.money.org/Content/NavigationMenu/NumismaticEvents/SummerSeminar/default.htm>

Dan

Dear Dan,
You are correct. Thanks for sharing it. The main text is reproduced below. This is something of an amazing turn of events. This may not be the perfect or even ideal solution (though I do not know what is), it is nonetheless impressive that a definite action has been taken. Thank you Dan, thank you ANA.

*Due to the timing of the Memphis Paper Money Show, Session I classes will begin on Monday. An additional hour of class time will be added each day, Monday through Thursday. There will be activities on Sunday (including the Library Book Sale) and participants will have the option of arriving on either Saturday or Sunday.

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An Unusual Source for WWII Numismatic Item

by Jim Downey

Yank magazine was the official publication for US Army enlisted personnel in WWII. It was published weekly between June 1942 and December 1945. As the Army spread throughout the world, so did Yank magazine. By the end of the war there were separate editions published in France, Panama, the Philippines, Japan, the Central Pacific, the Marianas, the Ryukyus, Italy, India-Burma and Iran.

The magazine covered the war from the enlisted mans point of view. It contained articles, cartoons and letters concerning the war, the home front and issues within the Army itself. It was also well-known for its pin-up posters.

With the war over, the final edition was published on December 28, 1945. On its cover is a certificate of discharge for the magazine itself signed by General Eisenhower. Occasional issues of the magazine carried photographs and stories of numismatic interest. At least on issue (the February 23, 1945 Central Pacific issue) carried a cover photo of interest to military money collectors. It had a picture of an Army finance sergeant carrying \$1,000.00 bundles of \$10.00 Hawaii overprint notes.

The magazine itself also produced a numismatic item. When it ceased publication, the War Department issued checks to subscribers as refunds for their subscriptions. The checks are drawn on a War Department account at the Chase National Bank in New York. They are printed on IBM automatic data processing cards with a plain format. A copy of one of the checks can be seen at <http://i78.photobucket.com/albums/j83/mufelika/Yankcheck.jpg>

Championship Question Corner
Question: How does Walter Rundell fit into our

studies? Question 146, difficulty 3.

Yesterday's Question: What was the purpose of supplemental currencies? Give at least two examples. Question 145, difficulty 3.

Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote:
Supplemental currency adds (or supplements) to the current currency in circulation of a particular country. France flag back francs and Japan B yen are examples.

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Editorial

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I was wrong about one thing. Well actually, one thing in two ways. I somehow got confused on when the auction with the Ski Celebraton Certificate (for the bennefit of the scholarship fund) was ending. It is not until about noon eastern Tuesday. That will give everyone more chances to go for the gold and support the fund. The interest has been heavy so far with the minimum bid needed to obtain one of the notes now something over \$30. I that is cool! Remember, every cent goes to the scholarship fund. Here is the address of the auction.
<http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=110017871739>

It is an interesting coincidence that Jim wrote about Yank magazine because I am currently reading an anthology of Yank published at the end of the war. It is very intersting even though I have not come up with any numismatic connections so far.

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Mail Call

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Dear Gram, Dear Esteemed Editor,
I have changed my travel route going west from I-40 to I-70, and will be stopping near Kansas City to see Mike Payton and his JIM and other SE Asian stuff. If you want me to look for a particular number/letter in his JIM collection, send me an email at HADaniel3@msn.com.
The new email for Quoc in Saigon (HCMC) was incomplete in my last missive. It is SaigonCoin@cs.com for those Gramsters wanting to contact him over there.
It is Sunday here in Virginia, and I am headed for our Bay House to have Williamsburg Honda check over the CRV on Monday to make sure it is in tip top shape for my trip. It only has 210012 miles on it! Then I pack a couple of tons of books, coins and paper money to give away to young and new collectors, and my own computer, printer and copier, and a new scanner I will be using to scan the stuff for my next catalog. I also have more of the Leo May MPC Fest t-shirts to sell. If I do not have room for my own clothes, I will just buy some on the way to Denver and throw them away as they get dirty and buy more. I remember doing that on short trips to the USA during my war.

After Denver, I am still planning to head to northeast Texas to see an old friend's collection who has passed away. His widow, Mildred Flagler, has asked me to look through his collection of ALL kinds of stuff with orchids on it and recommend one or more dealers to buy it from her. Then I am headed on I-20 for Atlanta to see a sister, then nearby to see Murray Jackson. Does anyone remember Murray from our embassy in Saigon during my war? He has a VERY large Viet Nam collection, to include MPC. I will record the rare stuff and tell you about it in a future missive. He does not own a computer! Can you believe that an OLD timer would not own a computer? That is all for now.
The Master Sergeant Daniel

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Ski Note Sold

Ski himself reported in an exclusive interview that he and Prudy spent the big birthday recovering after a wonderful weekend of celebrating with family members who assembled in Texas from all over the country. He also reported that the Celebration Certificates issued at the event were a big hit with everyone. The grandchildren were particularly excited to find their names imbedded in the design of the notes. The eleven notes sold for \$34 and change each raising more than \$300 for the scholarship fund.

Personal Travels and Political
Commentary

by Joe Boling

Well, shame on me - it has been six weeks since I filed a column (not counting the couple of items I sent from summer seminar about lots in the YN auction). I've been busier than the proverbial one-armed paper hanger. Seminar was just the start of a 25-day 5000-mile road trip that took me all the way to Ohio (stopping in Indianapolis to watch Louise sign all the papers for our new house there, then helping unload her first truck-full of household goods). After running her back home to Toledo, I returned to Seattle in a four-day marathon of driving - passing through St Louis just hours ahead of the massive storms they had, and with temperatures at the 104-105 level in both St Louis and Kansas City (and 107 in Pendleton, Oregon, three days later).

Once home, it took several days to work through the mail (I had had two pouches of first class forwarded to Colorado and Indianapolis so that I could receive (and pay) bills along the way). Then came the biennial reunion of my Air Force dependents school (Itazuke High School), this year in Dover, Delaware. It's moving to walk around Dover, read the historical plaques, and recall the very important events that took place there leading to the independence of this nation (Caesar Rodney is not depicted on the Delaware state quarter on a whim). Now I'm back trying to finalize a donation of several cartons of books to the ANA so that I can carry them to convention and deliver them to HQ either before or after, obviating the need to pay for their packing and transport to Indy, followed by additional postage charges to get them to ANA from there. Actually, the way this move has panned out, it really would not

matter in the first part of that equation - I am being charged a flat rate for the move regardless of what the scale eventually says - the mover says I will max out the van for weight, so he is quoting a flat rate for the use of the van from here to there as a single user. Nevertheless, I need to get those books out of here now, because if I wait until after I move, heaven knows how many months it would be before I even found them again.

So what can I talk about that is actually worthy of a column? How about ANA politics? I noted in "Your News" of 1 August 2006 the following

statement: "The YN of the Year Award will not be given for 2006 as the ANA is in process of reevaluating the award criteria." What a crock. So what if the criteria need to be tweaked? That's no reason to withhold the award for a year. Surely there is a deserving YN who would qualify under ANY criteria that were devised - so find him or her and make the award! Why penalize the YNs for ANA's inability to articulate its program objectives? YN-ness is a perishable status - one is only a YN for a finite number of years. The person ignored this year may well not be the best-qualified candidate in another year - and could pass right through the window of eligibility while ANA dithers. For those interested in ANA's exhibit rules, the exhibit committee has made a recommendation for a radical re-arrangement of the exhibit classes - reducing the number of classes from today's twenty-five to only seventeen. To see what their recommendation and thinking are, go to

http://www.money.org/AM/Template.cfm?Sectionfiltered=Board_of_Governors1&CONTENTID=8063&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm

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Championship Question Corner

Question: Keeping on the same theme, how does Vladimir Ptrov fit into our studies? Questoin 147, difficulty 3.

Yesterday's Question: How does Walter Rundell fit into our studies? Question 146, difficulty 3.

Comments from the field: Bill and Kathy Myers wrote: Walter Rundell was a historian and author. From 1954 to 1957 he served in the United States Army investigating the history of the army's overseas fiscal activities during World War II. Rundell's books included Black Market Money: The Collapse of U.S. Military Currency Control in World War II (1964) and

Military Money: A Fiscal History of the U.S. Army Overseas in World War II (1980). Warner Talso provided the longest answer ever to a championship question.

In recognition of the late Walter Rundell, Jr.'s commitment to graduate education in the field of Western history, the Western History Association offers a graduate student award in the field of Western history for \$1,500. The applicant should be a doctoral candidate who has

completed comprehensive examinations for their dissertation subject. The student should send to each member of the award committee a vita, a statement summarizing the project and the particular library or collection in which research under the award would be carried on, and a letter of recommendation from a graduate adviser.

RUNDELL, WALTER, JR. (1928-1982). Walter Rundell, Jr., historian, son of Walter and Olive (Spillar) Rundell, was born at Austin, Texas, on November 2, 1928. He grew up in Baytown, where his father taught and served as dean of Lee College from 1934 to 1967, and attended public schools there. Rundell graduated from Lee College in 1948 and received its Outstanding Student Award. He earned both B.S. (in music literature) and B.J. degrees from the University of Texas in 1951.

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He wrote five books and contributed to fourteen others, published thirty-nine articles, and wrote more than 100 book reviews. For a series on southwestern writers, he wrote a monograph on Walter Prescott Webbqv (1971), and at the time of his death he had begun writing a full-length biography. Rundell's books included Black Market Money: The Collapse of U.S. Military Currency Control in World War II (1964), In Pursuit of American History: Research and Training in the United States (1970), Early Texas Oil: A Photographic History 1866-1936 (1977), Military Money:

A Fiscal History of the U.S. Army Overseas in World War II (1980), and Oil in West Texas and New Mexico: A Pictorial History of the Permian Basin (1982). In Pursuit of American History won the Waldo G. Leland Award of the Society of American Archivists; that organization elected him its president in 1977. In 1959 Rundell married Deanna A. Boyd; they had three children. Rundell was a Democrat, and the family was active in the First United Methodist Church in Hyattsville, Maryland. Rundell died at his home in Hyattsville on October 25, 1982. BIBLIOGRAPHY: Contemporary Authors, 1981. Directory of American Scholars, 1982. James C. Maroney

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Editorial

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I think that the sale of the Ski Celebration Certificates was very successful. From here it seems that it was fun on several counts, honored an appropriate collector and raised some money for the scholarship fund. Hard to be better than that. We are certainly happy to have Joe Boling's column back. As a columnist he has the latitude to digress into his travel stories. He even has the option of some numismatic political commentary (not national or international (or even state or local)). However, I came close to cutting his comments about the 2006 YN award as being too far afield. I am afraid that my decision to run it might have been determined by my agreement with his position. I would certainly like to know what you think. While I will be interested in your thoughts on the YN award, I will be more interested in what you think about the inclusion of the subject (ANA officers and staff, we would PARTICULARLY like to hear your comments). I also chuckle a little at Joe. I am sorry about being so cynical, but without looking into the matter, I will wager that the reason is MONEY.

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Mail Call

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Dear Gram,

Ever need to find a book? Save time, that's a LOT of time and gas etc etc go to www.abe.com. More books than you will ever imagine!!!

Nick

Dear Nick,

We DO like books. Thanks.

Editor

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Mike Payton

Dear Gram,

Ok!!! However, by choice, let me go with these.....1st 5, 2nd 11, and 3rd(but, by no means last) 39!!!! And, even though my consideration was last, my bid was, by no means, last! Any points for that???? I consider any decision by the judges (freditor) to be binding and final!

Thank you,

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Jack (Ho[not Hu])

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Philippine Collectors Meet in Denver

by Ray Czahor

The ANA World's Fair of Money will be held August 16-19, 2006 at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver, CO. The Philippine Collectors Forum will meet as scheduled at 1PM on August 18th in Room 706. Although I cannot attend, Ken Seymore and Howard Daniel plan to host the meeting. It will be a more informal meeting this year with only one presentation scheduled, that by David Provost on "How to design and produce a NEW Philippine Medal". Other activities will be "Show and Tell" so plan to bring an item or two and talk about them for a few minutes. A suggestion was made to hold a collectors auction for an hour or so of Philippine items so bring up to 10 items for sale. There will also be door prizes so any donations will be appreciated. And of course there will be plenty of time for informal discussion and trades. Be sure to visit the PCF Club Table in the secure area of the bourse. It will be collocated with Howard Daniel's other organizations and will continue to educate kids (and adults) in collecting activities with information and giveaways. Howard would appreciate spelling him at the table for a few hours during the week so please help him out. Hope everyone has a great week in Denver.

Championship Question Corner

Question: What currency printing operation (by name) was critical to Operation Overlord? Question 148, difficulty 2.

Yesterday's Question: Keeping on the same theme, how does Vladimir Petrov fit into our studies? Question 147, difficulty 3.

Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote: "Money and Conquest - Allied Occupation Currencies in World War II," is a book written by Vladimir Petrov (1966 - The Johns Hopkins Press).

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Editorial

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I am on the road enroute to the ANA convention in Denver. The planned departure time was noon Sunday. I got on the road at 8pm. Not too bad by my standards! The trip has been mostly uneventful thus far. Nary a numismatic adventure to report except from telephone reports. Rachel Feller is back home in Cedar Rapids for a full week of intense work with coauthor Steve on their World War II camp money book. They believe that the manuscript will be finished when I stop by there later this month while returning from the convention. That should be exciting and I know that the convention will be too.

I am giving a presentation at noon Thursday as part of the Sundman lecture series. I actually have most of the presentation ready and have some new material to present and some surprises too. I will be delighted if you can make it to the presentation.

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Mail Call

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Dear Freditor,

I certainly agree with you and Joe re: the ANA-YN award. Also, had it not been for his column and you publishing same, I never would have known about it. The ANA should be ashamed!

Bob Reed

Dear Editor;

You asked so here goes. Like Joe, I am an old line Sergeant who has never been politically correct (nor do I ever want to be). We were both raised in an atmosphere where truth and fact were the goal and being politically correct fell by the wayside as unworkable and something to be left for the feather merchants (civilians).

Political commentary, especially on a subject as vitally important to the future of numismatics as the YN program, is something we all should engage in as ANA members. Informed discourse is a necessity in any organization and it is both our right and duty to speak up.

Should this discourse be carried on in the MPC Gram? Why not? What better place than the one thing that connects all of our members. Joe's statement,

although blunt in the manner of an old Sergeant, was direct, gentlemanly and to the point. Censoring an article is something that an editor should do with great reluctance. Stifling the flow of discourse between members is not something to be desired no matter the presumed reason. As to our present ANA leadership I confess that I also have a certain amount of dissatisfaction with them and some of the actions undertaken by the Board. There will be a number of new faces come the next election I suspect. Personally, I don't care for either our old new and very insipid logo or the new new logo which is an improvement but not much of one. I feel that the money spent on this could have been better spent on the YN program (and I devoutly hope that this last politically charged comment is gentlemanly enough to escape the censor's pen).

Paul Garner
Curmudgeon and ORS (old retired Sergeant)

Edior,
Is there a mini-fest on Saturday at the ANA??

Larry Gibbs

Dear Larry,
Good question. As far as I know, no one has stepped forward to announce a miniFest. However, I would not be surprised if there was a spontaneous miniFest at the end of the IBNS meeting on Saturday.

Editor

Dear Editor-in-Chief.
I think that including current ANA politics is appropriate for inclusion in the MPCGram.

David Klinger

Dear Dave,
Thank you for your thoughts. As only you know, I edited your letter to remove some more specific comments. The reason is not quite as obvious as it may seem. First, I need more time to think about the role of the Gram in numismatic politics. Secondly, and sadly, I probably need some legal advice on such matters. I expect to get advice on both of these points at the convention.

Editor

In Gram 1491, we Gramsters were encouraged to write to the ANA exhibit committee, if we had comments to the new ANA exhibit classes etc. I can tell you that I have done so, to William Horton. He has replied that he will copy my input and hand it to the committee members for the meeting in Denver. Have a great ANA.

Best wishes
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The Master Sergeant Daniel Trip to Denver ANA

by Howard A. Daniel III

I was on the DC Beltway at about 5AM. Just over the Ohio line in Indiana on I-70, a rainstorm was so heavy I could not see ANYTHING. Luckily, an exit was near and I got off and into a McDonald's parking lot to sleep it off. About 45 minutes later, it was a drizzle and I got back on I-70 westbound. Within a couple of miles, I saw an accident on the eastbound side being cleaned up. It included a couple of 18-wheelers, pickups and cars. I felt VERY good about getting off during the storm in case there was the same thing on my side of the interstate.

I arrived in Terre Haute and checked into a Comfort Inn Suites near the exit. I called Marvin Mericle and his wife answered the telephone. He was coming back from golf and she was preparing dinner. If I drove to their house, Marvin would be there and the dinner would be ready. His wife was very courteous for the entire evening, but he bothered me a couple of times. I have never been able to get along with Swabbies, and he wanted me to stay over in his house!

I was back on I-70 at 5AM and arrived in Kansas City, MO at 3PM and checked into a Comfort Inn. I called Mike Payton and we talked about what he would bring to my room from his collection. He arrived with his Viet Nam and JIM collections. We went through everything and added what I did not know into my databases. It was a very worthwhile time! For anyone interested in JIM, you should visit with Mike!

The next morning, I was on I-70 before 5AM and headed west. Kansas is a VERY boring drive. When I crossed the Colorado line, I could have gotten out and kissed the ground in a new state with no corn fields! I took the Colorado-24 road to Colorado Springs and stayed with Army 1SG (Ret) Max George and his wife. We were stationed together in Heidelberg. After two days and nights, I headed for the ANA headquarters building to make a donation to the Library and the Museum. Then I drove to Denver and checked into the Holiday Inn City Center.

Joe Boling called me to say he was in Denver too but he was headed for Colorado Springs to make a ANA Library donation too. I asked him to bring back my cart which I left near the receptionist's counter while I shopped in the gift shop.

I am expecting Fred Schwan today (Tuesday), which is PNG Day, and Joe and I will be completing the setup for the exhibits area. I have created a flyer I can put into two different sized baggies with some world coins (from NI), world paper money (from IBNS) or MPC from David, who donated them to me at the recent MPC Fest. And into many old catalogs and references donated by NBS members. I think the young and new collectors coming to my club table will be very happy after receiving my handouts!

That is all for now. I will write more during

and/or after the ANA, and when I am on the road back to Virginia and visiting more collectors on the way back.

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Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote: Operation TOMCAT which printed supplemental francs (flag back) for the invasion of France via Normandy.

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Editorial

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The only way to be safe is to carry your challenge coin all the time. Not when you go to the Fest or when Schwan is visiting, but ALL of the time. Need proof?

At 10am today enroute to Denver we stopped at a place called the Heartland Museum of Military Vehicles. It is a very nice place and even has free admission. (You can try www.heartlandmuseum.com) The greeter asked me to sign the guest book. When I started writing I saw that the person before me this morning was Jack Hunter from Hickman, Nebraska! I could hardly believe it. I then looked up and there he was at the back of the main hall. Jack "Champ (2004)" Hunter. I immediately went to my challenge coin and Jack was just as fast as I was. Not only did he meet the challenge, but he had two personalized challenge coins!

We then spent a pleasant half an hour or so, make than an hour, looking the place over and chatting. The museum bills itself as being of military vehicles, but it is far more than that. It includes a wide variety of other things as well as a great assortment of vehicles.

Numismatics is the center of to exhibits: one of general paper money including JIM and other WWII items, and most amazing of all a nice MPC starter set. Eagle eye Jack found that they have a much nicer Series 472 10 cent from position 21 than he has in his collection. He immediately started working on a trade. He also introduced the idea that the museum should have a copy of Remembered and the MPC book at least for their library and possibly for resale. I carted a brace of books in from the car. Unfortunately, I must admit in this case that the folks were not much interested. Drat.

Jack too was on his way to the Denver ANA and I recruited him to help in the Thursday presentation. Perhaps drafted him is a better term.

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- Mike Payton

Dear Gram,

#1492 the Christopher Columbus Gram opening the way for a new world of MPC.

Tolek

Dear Cuneyd,

I like it. It has been a long time coming but we are about to pass another threshold--1500 grams. The second thousand are decidedly coming slower than the first, but that could always change too.

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Propaganda Issues

by Jim Downey

Paper money has been used for propoganda messages as early as the American War for Independence. In most circumstances, the propaganda leaflets are printed to look similar to currency of the country they are being dropped on. The purpose of this is to get the people to pick up the leaflets to read them.

Recently unclassified documents in the United States National Archives relating to operations in World War II reveal that the United States Office of Strategic Services (OSS) - the precursor to the CIA - had a considerable number of contingency plans for

using currency and leaflets printed like currency for propaganda purposes. One of the more interesting plans was a scheme to drop legitimate United States money and postage stamps on Germany with propaganda messages attached to them. The messages would attempt to undermine the confidence in the German economy by comparing contemporary events to the hyper-inflationary period after World War One.

The plan was known as "Special Plan C-5 -- U.S. Postage Stamps and Coins." It called for the printing of one million small envelopes with propaganda messages printed on them. Each envelope would contain a stamp, a coin, or a dollar bill. The envelopes would be addressed as "A Gift to the Finder from the German-Americans."

The envelopes would initially be dropped over cities which had not been bombed. This was because the OSS believed that Germans in cities that had not been bombed would be more accepting of the messages than those in the bombed out cities who would be understandably unhappy with the Allies. The proposal called for the following items to be placed in the envelopes:

\$1.00 U.S. currency notes -- 10,000

10 cent silver coins -- 20,000

5 cent stamps -- 40,000

3 cent stamps -- 266,000

1 cent stamps -- 664,000

The amount of money and stamps totalled \$26,520.00. The estimated cost of printing the envelopes was \$25,000.00 for a total production cost of \$51,520.00

The proposal suggests that the fact that all the envelopes contained some type of monetary instrument would be a strong incentive for the citizens to collect them. It goes on to make the following curious statement as well: "Even if they were afraid to offer and sell the stamps to dealers in stamps, they could be traded on the black market." The plan was developed at the end of June 1944. It is unclear what level of philatelic activity was going on in the Reich at this time. The OSS apparently thought it was significant enough to have an effect on the economy.

The message on the initial drop was to read as follows:

This one-cent stamp was worth 400,000,000 marks in 1923. Participation notes with a face value of one American cent actually circulated in Germany that year. American money came to your rescue.

The message to accompany the \$1.00 notes was the following:

This banknote (\$1.00) was worth

4,000,000,000,000 (vier billionen) marks in 1923. Then you had no gold, but your industry could produce and you were able to borrow from America the next year. You have no gold now and your industry is being destroyed. If you permit it to be completely destroyed, how can you ever borrow again?

Here is another of the suggested messages:

When you remember walls papered with German bank notes in 1923, you understand, do you not, why people who lived through the last inflation are now spending what money they have on the open market where they can buy something tangible before it is too late?

The documents that were examined do not reveal whether this program was implemented. It would be interesting to find out whether it was carried out. Even more interesting would be to determine the serial number range of the 10,000 \$1.00 notes that would have been used. While currency type leaflets are well known, how scarce would these notes be?

Championship Question Corner

Question: What series of MPC were used exclusively in Vietnam. Questoin 150, difficulty 1.

Yesterday's Question: What two (issued) military payment certificates are not known to exist in collections? Questoin 149, difficulty 2.

Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote: Series 481 and 651 \$5 replacements are not reported in collections.

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Editorial

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It was a busy day at the ANA convention as it always is. The first big thing on the agenda was an open meeting of the board of governors where the report of the exhibits committee was presented by Wendell Wolka. I was most impressed by the number of member-exhibitors who attended the meeting. They reminded me of the folks to passionately defended the summer seminar a few weeks ago. No decisions were made. I am sure that we can expect more commentary from Joe on this.

An informal surver of the exhibit area turned up a decided dearth of MPC and other military issues. There are a few exhibits with some issues of interest, but not many. We need to work on this.

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Mail Call

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Dear Editor,

Your comments about a discussion on ANA politics in the GRAM impressed me.

You said: "I need more time to think about the role of the Gram in numismatic politics. Secondly, and sadly, I probably need some legal advice on such matters." Also, sadly, I agree with you.

I am not a crusader or political activist, I'm just a numismatist with opinions. I love the ANA, and the hobby. I just want to preserve it.

I am simply not happy with the current leadership of the ANA. There should be somewhere to voice these opinions. If not here - where?

I do think that this relevant article in the Colorado Springs Gazette is safe to publish in the GRAM:

<http://www.gazette.com/display.php?id=1320477&secid=1>

David Klinger

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Sundman D-Day Program Successful

At noon today Fred Schwan presented a program on the money of D-Day as part of the Sundman Lecture series. The program started with inprocessing were students received ration cards and a souvenir note. The souvenir notes were issued under the authority of Lane Brunner of ANA headquarters. Fred and Judy Schwan had also presigned the notes as starters for short snorters. The students were slow to work on their souvenirs, but ultimately got with the program. Schwan explained the historic, if complicated situation surrounding the creation and issuing of Allied Military Franc notes. The highlight was a 6 second newsreel clip of soldiers being paid in AM francs as part of their preparations for D-Day.

Championship Question Corner

Question: What denomination AM francs was printed, but not issued. Question 151, difficulty 1.

Yesterday's Question: What series of MPC were used exclusively in Vietnam. Question 150, difficulty 1.

Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote: Series 641, 661, 681 and 692 were used exclusively in Viet Nam.

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Editorial

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Today was an extremely busy one for me at the ANA convention. As mentioned in the lead story, I was honored to give a presentation as part of the Sundman lecture series. It went over well enough. The story that I want to tell the most took place during the preparations. I planned to take sufficient AM francs to the program to give one to every person. Well, I left the notes at home or have misplaced them in my stuff here at the convention.

A scant two hours before the program, I went to the table of Leon Thonrnton where I purchased about 25 of the small denomination notes at nominal prices so that I could give them away.

Enroute to the presentation, I happend to pass the table of the French mint. I was interested in some of the military decorations that they had in the cases as examples of their products. There was a pamphlet associated with the military decorations. I (eventually) got them to let me look at the pamphlet. It had some good information. I asked if there was a copy that I could have. They only had one. Could I have the one at the end of the show? No prompt answer, but the boss was called over. We had a short conversation relying on his poor English. I do no French.

He saw the francs in my hand. I handed him one and upon learning that he had no idea what it was, I explained it and told him he could have the note. He was a gentleman in his 40s I think. He was moved by the historic significance of this note. I have made similar presentations to people before (just as Warner Talso has), but I have never been able to do it to a Frenchman. Heck, I was touched by the degree to which he was touched.

He suggested that I could have the pamphlet by asking again at closing on Saturday.

Thur is always a late night at the ANA because of the NLG bash. Last year I was humbled to receive the highest award of the guild--the Clemy. The system is that the receipent one years selects (within limits) the receipent the next year and makes the award. It was my distinct honor to make the presentation this evening to a most deserving individual. The 2006 Clemy went to Barbara Gregory, editor of The Numismatist since 1988. I could tell that Barbara was quite pleased and probably felt many other emotions because she was in tears.

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Mail Call

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Dear Editor,

First I want to extend my sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed to the Gramsters Scholarship Fund that helps to support the Military Numismatics class at the ANA Summer Seminar. Special appreciation

goes to you and Joe for making the yearly trek to Colorado Springs to teach what has become one of our most popular classes. The class is innovative, engaging and just plain FUN.

I wanted to comment on recent remarks in the Gram regarding the Outstanding Young Numismatist of the Year Award. It is not being awarded in 2006 not because of money, but quite simply because we received no nominations for the award. That led us to the decision to re-look at the criteria and see how we can get more input and nominations. The YN programs are as important to all of us at ANA headquarters as they are to you and the entire ANA membership.

As executive director, I always welcome comments and questions about any of our many programs. Please don't hesitate to let me know if you especially enjoyed a program or event, want to compliment a certain staff member, question something we are doing, have a comment or are just looking for more information. I can be reached at cipoletti@money.org.

You and all the Gramsters are all invited to my presentation at the Denver ANA show on the future of ANA on Friday at 6 pm in room 704. Bring your enthusiasm, open minds and questions.

Thanks,
Chris

Dear Chris,
I am tempted to defend our editorial position, but instead am pleased to simply say that we are very pleased to have your letter and will always welcome your comments. We will continue to criticize, but also to praise you, the ANA staff, ANA elected officers as we feel appropriate. I think that our record supports this. We have published many articles praising the summer seminar, exhibiting program, and other ANA programs.

Thank you for the kind words about the military numismatics seminars. They have been successful, fun, and I must also say, a lot of work. We love it. I expect to be at your program. Thanks again for writing.

Editor

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YN of the Year to be Awarded

Lane Bruner announced this morning at the Young Numismatists Breakfast that the deadline for submitting nominations for Young Numismatist of the Year and YN advisor are being extended and that the awards will be made later in the year. Although we do not have all of the details, nominations may be submitted in an informal letter format by writing Brunner@money.org.

Military Seminar Student Cops Top Award

Sam Spiegel won the prestigious YN Best of Show Award at the Denver ANA Convention. The award was made at the Saturday night banquet. Spiegel was a military numismatics student at a ANA summer seminar (2004, 03?). Unfortunately, the exhibit was not on a direct military numismatic topic--ancient coins. Of course many ancient coins have a military numismatics connection, but that was not at all the thrust of the exhibit. Nonetheless, Sam is a member of the community.

Championship Question Corner

Question: In what year was the first MPCFest challenge coin issued? Question 152, difficulty 2.

Yesterday's Question: What series of MPC were used exclusively in Vietnam. Question 150, difficulty 1.

Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote: 5000 francs.

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Editorial

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The story of the Allied 2 franc note and the French mint continues. You will recall that I gave one of these notes to the representative of the French mint. He was most intersted in it.

Well, today I passed the mint again. The little note that I had given to the fellow was prominently displayed in one of the mint display cases. I was most pleased. There is still more.

This evening at the banquet I had a discussion with another person from the French mint. I asked her if she saw the note. Her eyes blazed with excitement. I have promised to send her a note.

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Dear Gram,

Jim Downey's discussion of the OSS plot to send currency into Germany was very interesting. Is this information on the Internet anywhere?

Herb Friedman

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ANA convention news

by Joe Boling

Fred beat me to the keyboard. He already announced that Sam Spiegel has won the YB Best of Show award in Denver. But he did not mention Sam's marvelous talk at the IBNS meeting on Saturday morning. Sam related how he had noticed the Four Freedoms listed on the back of the Italian AMC and had wondered where they had originated. He Googled a couple of the phrases and found them use in a Truman speech in 1946 (three years after their use on the notes). Then he located the original FDR use before US entry into the war, then the Norman Rockwell paintings in the Saturday Evening Post, to which he attributes their becoming part of the war effort, because Treasury then picked them up for bond posters (they had ignored them until the Post published them). It was a great talk and the basis of what will hopefully be a great article. I hope I have not stolen his thunder, because we want to publish the article in the gram. It was a day of triumph by seminarian Sam. At the minifest following the IBNS meeting, examples of the Silent D-Day Participant Souvenir Note from Fred's Maynard Sundman lecture were distributed to participants who supported the educational goals of the minifest with a show-and-tell item. The notes were the same as those distributed Thursday except for the addition of a large US Treasury seal overstamp. At the closing banquet tonight, Convention Fest Certificates in denominations of 1, 2, and 4 (no monetaire stated) and seven dollars were distributed to diners. All pieces observed thus far are series 115, block LG (ANA 115th anniversary convention, Lawrence J Gentile Sr the Farran Zerbe award winner). All notes bear images of the Zerbe award or of Gentile, or both. One error note has been seen - a double denomination 2/7 (inverted with respect to each other). If Great Lakes Bank Note Company does not get its quality control in order, it may lose its ANA contract.

I will be on the road for two days returning to

Seattle. The packers start work this week (though most of the heavy lifting will be performed 5-9 September). The Master Sergeant Daniel joins me to assist in numismatic packing 30 August, and Louise arrives 2 Sept.

Philippine Report from ANA

by Ray Czahor

The Philippine Collectors Forum met at the ANA World's Fair of Money on 18 August at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver, CO. David Provost's Presentation on "How to design and produce a NEW Philippine Medal" was the highlight of the meeting. He told about the process to design, find a manufacturer, and produce the medal as a 1 oz silver, 39mm. The design was based on Miguel Figuera's proposed design for Philippine coinage but was not adopted. He had on display the plaster models and dies and actual struck medals. Fifty were struck with a reeded edge and he offered some for sale. He may have another striking of the medal with a smooth edge if there is demand. "Show and Tell" of interesting Philippine items was the other major activity. There was also many door prizes so everyone went home with at least two. A COINWORLD reporter attended so you should see a write up soon in their paper. The next PCF meeting will be held in Milwaukee, WI in conjunction with the 2007 ANA Money Fair, starting Wednesday, August 8, 2007.

The Philippine Mailbid IX was in the mail to all addresses two weeks ago. Everyone including Overseas Addressees should have received it by now. If not, please review it with bid sheet on my web site:

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The sale closes at midnight, Pacific Coast Time, and contains 1940 lots, the largest ever I have sent out. At this point with bids received from 61 bidders, strong interest appears to be Culion Leper Colony coins and history book, Proofs, MS64 and higher business strikes, RARE Errors and Military Tokens, Guerilla Currency, Stamps, Books, and Albums. (Please note that I duplicated the lot numbers in the mailed list: 517 through 524 and are now renumbered 524A through 524H). There was also interest in the French Indo China Piastres in the add-on lots. By Wednesday, the 30th of August, the current bidding on lots will be posted on my web site for review. The final time current bids will be put on the web site will be the 9th of Sept. Please don't wait too long to send your bids in to me by mail or by email. This week I will start contacting each bidder by phone or email to review status of their bids. My policy is normally to contact a bidder at least once to review their bids.

Championship Question Corner

Question: Where was the SS contration camp in Italy?

Question 154, difficulty 3.

Yesterday's Question: The serial number block G-G is used on what series of note to designate replacements?

Question 153, difficulty 2.

Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote: Special Army Currency used G-G replacement blocks.

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Editorial

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This Gram was started one week ago. I ran into some roadblocks (figurative). They were not really big problems, but I had some trouble resolving them. They have been resolved. Sorry that I left you Gramless. At this moment I am sitting in Steve Fellers office (aka mini black hole) with Steve and Ray. We are working on the manuscript for their new WWII camp money book. They have some great information and new material and it should be a great book.

Steve would be particuarly happy to hear from anyone who has some information for inclusion. If there is any doubt that they might need the information that you have, please write to Steve (sfeller@coe.edu).

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WWII OSS Counterfeiting

by Jim Downey

As early as June 1942, the OSS was developing plans for counterfeiting currency of the Axis and Axis-occupied countries. A June 13, 1943 memo to Hugh Wilson and Allen Dulles from Murray I. Gurfein outlined a plan to establish a secret printing operation in an isolated district for the purpose of counterfeiting documents and currency for use by OSS directed operatives in Axis-controlled areas. (Ironically, Gurfein who began his government career in the OSS, later served as a federal judge and issued the District Court decision in the Pentagon Papers case that permitted the New York Times to print classified documents leaked to it concerning the Vietnam War.) The production and use of counterfeit currency to cause economic disruption was only a secondary thought at this time. The primary purpose of the currency was to provide financial support to US operatives. The memo discusses places where the OSS could obtain examples of foreign currency including Axis-controlled banks in the United States such as the New York branch of the Banco di Napoli and through US agents in neutral countries. A proposal to fund the Yugoslav partisan leader General Mikhailovitch by this means is discussed in the memo. Discussions on counterfeiting German and Italian currency continued into 1943. The success of the invasion of Italy in 1943 and the subsequent issue of the allied military lire mad the counterfeiting of Italian notes unnecessary. It was also suggested that the Italian economy was already too unstable for disruption by counterfeiting. The Allies were concerned that the Italian economy would have enough trouble recovering from the natural effects of the war that it did not need further disruption. Counterfeiting German currency was also rejected by the US. A plan to counterfeit German currency for economic disruption was turned down by the United States Treasury Department. Post-war inflation and its effect on reconstruction formed the basis of the Treasurys rejection of the plan. Despite its rejection, the analysis of the OSS plan for counterfeiting and distributing German currency bears review here. A June 27, 1944 memo entitled General Plan for Morale Operations Against Germans as Holders of Cash contains a discussion of the plan. The estimated time for production of the notes is six months three months to develop the plates and three more months for printing. It notes that dropping money by air is the only feasible method of delivering the currency. The memo further discussed the amount of currency necessary to disrupt the economy and the ability to deliver it. At the end of 1943 they

estimated there was RM 36.5 billion in circulation and deposits of RM 151.8 billion. Based on the size and weight of the notes (it was estimated that 800,000 notes weighed 2,000 pounds and would occupy 14 cubic feet) 1,000 bomber loads carrying 2.5 tons of currency each could deliver RM 100 billion.

The OSS analysis (as opposed to the Treasury analysis of inflationary fears) was that the main drawback to the plan was the fear of retaliation currency bombing by the Germans of England. It notes that while this is technically possible, the probability of the Germans risking their bombers for this purpose made it unlikely in the eyes of the OSS. Even the threat of German retaliation was dismissed by the OSS as they lobbied to engage in any activity that could shorten the war. The memo also notes that the Germans believed the Allies were already capable of engaging in counterfeit warfare to the extent that the Germans threatened specific reprisals against Allied airmen who engaged in currency bombing. (This is ironic considering the fact that Operation Bernhard had been active for almost two full years by this point.) Despite the rejection by the Treasury Department of the counterfeiting plan, the OSS continued scheming for ways to disrupt the German economy and demoralize the German populace through economic propaganda. This scheme is outlined in the June 27, 1944 memo identified above. The plan consisted of five elements: (1) rumors, (2) black radio, (3) false leaflets, (4) U.S. food certificates, and (5) U.S. postage stamps and coins.

Item (5) was discussed in a previous column. The other elements of the plan will be discussed in future installments.

Championship Question Corner

Question: Where was the first Nazi contration camp?

Question 155, difficulty 2.

Yesterday's Question: Where was the SS contration camp in Italy? Question 154, difficulty 3.

Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote: Bozen.

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Editorial

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We are about to hit the road for the last day of our two-week ANA journey. As always, it has been a very good trip, but I am looking forward to getting home. I am sure that the mail will have some treasures--and bombs. =====

Mail Call

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Dear Gram,

I needed to get a value for my stereo microscope for the movers, and could not find it on the Nikon site - way too old. So I checked eBay. There are TWO of them

(search on Nikon SMZ-2) currently selling for under \$500 (one is under \$200). That is a steal - if one or two of you have been needing a scope, jump on these. These auctions close on Sunday and Tuesday. (I have my scope insured for \$1400.)

Joe

Dear Joe,

Thanks for the tip. I really goofed it up. First I chuckled at your naive approach because I am so wise that I knew that these would go much higher in the last minute of the auction. I also wanted to dress up your tip with the auction numbers to make it easier to use. Well, shame on me. The first one SOLD for less than \$300. Now that I run your letter the under \$500 price on the other does not seem like such a bargain, but rather than compound the problem, here it is. Thanks and sorry.

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The Denver ANA to the Last Evening &
Beyond

by The Master Sergeant Daniel

It was a busy convention for me making up packets of world coins and notes to hand out to young and new collectors. And the location was just inside the main entrance and to the right, so a lot of prospects were always walking by the table. I also had a bag of MPC from David Seelye to hand out to veterans. Three volunteers at various times were at the table to assist me. This is a new record number of volunteers

and they allowed me to attend some meetings and visit with some dealers on the bourse, but not all of them. Andrew from Milwaukee was one of the volunteers and he is 12 years old. Look out for him in the future! Evan Lay, a retired Navy Chief was another volunteer and we talked a LOT about the good ole days! Joe Boling has convinced me I should start exhibiting at the ANA Conventions, so I am going to put together something on the unlisted French military tokens I found in Saigon and used on the French light cruiser, Lamotte Piquet. It was sunk by US Navy bombers in 1945 when it was docked not far from Saigon Port. There was a ship's store on it and after it was sunk, the crew and/or workers threw their tokens in the water/mud. These tokens were discovered a couple of years ago and the finders sold them to dealers in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon). They went into junk boxes and I bought all I could find of them. Since then, I have found a couple of pictures of the ship, and some history about it. But nothing about the tokens, and the French collectors I have contacted are VERY interested in them. If you know anything about this ship, please contact me at HADaniel3@msn.com. At the convention, I bought three Mexican cobs with chops and what appears to be at least one Southeast Asian counterstamp on each of them. And one French Exposition Medal of 1900 which was awarded to a shipping company in Cochinchina. Gary Snover also said he might have something on my want list back in his inventory. I am hoping he finds the pieces!!!! That was all I bought at the convention from the bourse.

At the Philippines Collectors Forum, David Provost gave a talk about the unaccepted design for a Peso coin in the US Philippines that is illustrated in a Niel Shafer book. He found an artist who could make the dies and have the coin struck. He added a 2006 date and the initials of the artist and designer, and they were struck on silver planchets. His total cost was around \$2500. for producing 50 pieces, and many of us paid him \$50.00 for one of them. His email address is David.Provost@rtp.ppdi.com

At the IBNS Meeting, a young man by the name Sam Spiegel gave a talk about what is on the back of the AMC notes for France. It was an excellent talk on something no one had looked at before on these notes. Then I lost control of the meeting and it broke down

into chaos as it became somewhat of a Mini-Fest. This was followed by the NI Meeting where Don Dool gave a talk and illustrated on a screen his AD dated European Siege Coins of the 15th and 16th Centuries. How far back can someone go to collect military items?

I attended many other meetings but nothing military appeared in them. But there was a few raised voices at the ANA Representative Breakfast and they could have used some MPs to settle everyone down. The ANA Banquet had an excellent meal and my table was chaired

by Fred and Judy. There were several other Festers sitting at it but I was concentrating on the two beautiful ladies on each side of me.

I departed my hotel room at 4:30AM with Joe Boling snoring away in his bed. I drove back on I-70 and then I-35 for Oklahoma. Once I crossed the Oklahoma border, I called Sam Feedback several times but received no answer. Once I got to Oklahoma City, I had to decide to continue on to Texas or hope he was at home. I drove toward Texas and will see Sam at a Fest and very likely on my way to the Tuscon ANA in 2008.

In NE Texas and near I-20, I stopped in Jonesville to see Mildred Flagler. Her husband, Sam, passed away just after my last visit there a couple of years ago. He was a Navy Chief in the Seebies during WWII and the Korean War. She asked me to sell his world coins and paper money, and told me a couple of stamp dealers were coming to see his stamps, covers and postcards. I continued on I-20 to Atlanta and visited one of my sisters. Then on to Loganville to visit with Murray Jackson, who used to work in Saigon during the Vietnam War. I called his wife and talked to a son-in-law. Murray was in intensive care after an emergency operation on some internal organs! After I arrived, his wife and son-in-law took me to the hospital. He was heavily sedated but he recognized my voice. I was going to research Murray's very large Viet Nam and military token collection but this will have to wait until another visit.

That night I drove to my Bay House in Deltaville, Virginia, unloaded the Honda CRV, then drove to my wife's condo in McLean, Virginia. I fly out to Joe Boling's place on August 30th to assist him in packing up for his move to Indianapolis. That is all for this numismatic trip, except that I

owe the nice lady at the Port Clinton Holiday Inn \$100 for selling ten of her MPC Fest t-shirts with Leo May on them. I have a few left, if anyone wants one or more of them.

Championship Question Corner

Question: What concentration camp in the Netherlands had a triangle in the design?

Yesterday's Question: Where was the first Nazi concentration camp? Question 155, difficulty 2.

Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote:

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Editorial

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I am even farther behind than I thought! When I went to publish a Gram today, I found that I had 1499 mostly prepared, but never sent! That should mean that I will get another one out tomorrow.
I have been thining about numismatics/ANA politics.

I wish that it was something that never came to mind.
In this case I am even party to the issue.

The matter of reorganizing the ANA exhibiting categories has been receiving quite a bit of commentary in the print numismatic media and in the electronic media too.

Wendel Wolka's committee (of which I was/am a member) developed a plan to somewhat reorganize the exhibit categories used at the annual convention. It is a somewhat extensive and radical revision. I do not entirely support the revisions, but that is not my point here. My point is that we (that numismatic community/ANA) should have a public comment period much like the Federal government does. I do not pretend to know the Federal policy on this, but I know that it is a good idea.

In this case, I believe that President Horton and the governors were wise and more or less have instituted a public comment period by not taking any action on the proposals (as far as I know). The public is indeed commenting and I suspect that the governors are listening. Nonetheless, I think that such a system needs to be institutionalized in some way.

That is my opinion. What is yours?

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Mail Call

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Dear Gram,
We really need to decide on a date for the 2007 Fest.

David

Dear Dave,
You are certainly correct. The days and weeks certainly do slip by. I have been thinking about this. I think that we should move the Fest later in March thus delinking it from CPMX. There are advantages to the link, but disadvantages too. Please, if all of you will fill the Gram in box with mail we will be able to make this decision soon.

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Far Flung War Bonds

by Jim Downey

Sometimes information can be found in places when you least expect it. A short time ago, I came across a United States Treasury Department form relating to the acquisition of United States War Savings Bonds. The form contained information about who was eligible to own savings bonds. According to the form, ownership was limited to residents of the Continental United States, the Territories and Insular Possessions of the United States, the Canal Zone, the Philippine Islands, or citizens of the United States temporarily residing abroad. The ownership restrictions pre-dated the war and limited ownership to U.S. citizens which included residents of the Philippines. The form was printed in late 1942 after the Japanese had overrun the Philippines. When I read that residents of the Philippines could own U.S. savings bonds, I thought to myself, How many residents of the Philippines would be buying U.S. savings bonds during the occupation? The answer, of course, is that there were residents of the Philippines who fled the invasion or were otherwise outside the archipelago during the war who could buy bonds to support the war effort.

I further mused to myself as to whether Japanese Military pesos could have been used to purchase U.S. war bonds by residents of the Philippines if they were available for sale in the Philippines. It turns out that this is not as silly a question as it first appears.

While doing research on the emergency currency of the Philippines, I ran across documentation that indicated that United States savings bonds and stamps were sold in the Philippines during the occupation in the guerrilla controlled areas. In fact, a report on guerrilla activities in the 10th Military District on the island of Mindanao indicated that as of the date of the Leyte invasion (October 20, 1944) 18,187.50 pesos (\$9,093.75) worth of U.S. war bonds and stamps were sold in the guerrilla held areas of Mindanao. Who knew?!

Championship Question Corner

Question: What is the lowest denomination WWII United States Defense Bond? Question 157, difficulty 2.

Yesterday's Question: Where was the contration camp in the Netherlands with a triangle in the design?

Question 156, difficulty 2.

Comments from the field: Bill Myers wrote: Amersfoot.

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Editorial

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Wow, Jim Downey has done it again! I should not be surprised anymore when he sends some great information.

However, in spite of how interesting it is that US war bonds might have been purchased with JIM, I think that the more insteresting thing is that he has confirmed the sale of war (and defense) bonds in the far flung areas.

I am very interested in this area of research. I had suspected that defense bonds were sold in the Philippines, but had no way to prove it. Now that we konw that defense bonds were sold there, it might be possible to find some government report that states how many were sold through October 1941 or thereabouts.

Of course the ultimte proof (and wonderful item for a collection) would be a bond sold in the Philippines with the appropriate sales office information.

While most people still are not interested in the bonds, I am, and I am joined by a growing number of fellow collectors. Even fewer are interested in where the bond was actually ISSUED, but I am interested in that TOO, and again, I am not the only one.

The best location that I know of is a bond in a prominent collection (certainly not mine, darn) that was sold in Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

Furthermore, it was bought/sold on December 7, 1942 and has a commemorative rubber stamping to the effect of Remember Pearl Harbor.

There is a rumor of an example marked Alaska Territory--and some certainly exist--but I have not seen one. I believe that bonds were sold in Puerto Rico and almost certainly exist. The US Virgin Islands, Guam and a few other places are going to be much harder to find. Midway and a few other territories and possessions may not exist or have ever been issued.

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Mail Call

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Dear Gram,

CPMX is scheduled for 8 - 11 March. The Spring ANA show is 16 - 18 March. So, the Fest either needs to

be 2 - 4 March or 23 - 25 March. I vote for the 2 - 4 March date so that I could possibly attend CPMX.

Cheers,
Sparky

Dear Editor,

How about Friday April 20 to Sunday April 22, 2007 for the MPCFest??

Good Friday is April 6, and Easter is Sunday April 8th. Maastricht is April 14, 15.

While there will be a somewhat lower chance for having to blast the ice open for the daily swim, a few snow birds may venture out to the Port Clinton for the Fest.

David

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Valerie May's Response to St. Jude's MPC Fest Donation
by The Master Sergeant Daniel

I cannot remember how I got involved in accepting donations to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis in the name of our old friend, Leo May, but I did and it was a pleasure. I accepted donations at Port Clinton and in Memphis, then sent everything in to the

hospital in honor of Leo. While I was assisting Joe Boling with his move from Federal Way to Indianapolis, a card came in from Val with a long message written on it. The following is what she wrote;

MPC Festers, c/o Howard Daniel, 30 Aug 2006

Dear Festers,

Thank you so much for the donation gift, in Lee's name to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. As you know, that was a cause close to his heart. I really appreciate it.

I was away for 7 weeks this summer visiting Lee's Aunt Anne in Seattle to help her celebrate her 89th birthday. I then went on to Northern Washington (up in the Kettle Mts) to spend 3 weeks with a high school friend (lots of "girl" talk, etc.) and then down to the San Jose, CA area to spend another 3 weeks with another great friend from high school and her husband. Once home (Aug 11), I reconnected with Lexa and Leo and Mary and my little grandson, Evan who had really sprouted up and my baby (6 mo) granddaughter, Alicia, who had learned to turn over, reach for things, laugh, etc., in my absence. They grow so fast! I am now enjoying babysitting while Alexa works very hard to try and become a Mary Kay sales rep which will pay her a lot more than what she's getting now and will hopefully enable her to stay home from working (teaching) for at least another year.

Howard, I hope you can get this into the gram or something so you all will know how I appreciate your thoughtfulness! Take care - Hope to see you all in Jan. in Orlando.

Val May (with a smiley face)

Championship Question Corner

Question: What is the most valuable US military note?

Question 158, difficulty 2.

Yesterday's Question: What is the lowest denomination WWII United States Defense Bond? Question 157, difficulty 2.

Comments from the field: Bill Myers, Sparky Watson and several others wrote: \$25 and also pointed out that war bonds were sold in \$10 denominations.

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Editorial

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Wow, the Heritage Signature Currency {sic} auction catalog was a surprise from the beginning. It arrived in a priority mail flat rate box. I could not figure out what that could possibly be, but I did not expect it to be good news. I was certainly wrong about that. I believe that it is the largest and heaviest paper money auction catalog ever produced and it might hold that record for a long time. The American Bank Note

Company archive sale certainly had more notes, and there might have been an auction with more lots, but the catalog, wow.

Based on size I thought it might have one of every national bank note ever issued, but there was not a single note from Ottawa County, Ohio. I was both pleased and disappointed about that.

The MPC section too is a bit lean so I was disappointed in that too. When I was putting the catalog aside for filing I noticed that one of the cover notes was a North African issue. I saw instantly that it was a \$10 replacement. My first thought was that that is a dumb note to put on the cover. North Africa \$10 replacements are not even particularly scarce. The Series 1934A is quite common and the Series 1934 is unique and has never been sold via auction. Those were just fleeting thoughts as I looked more closely. Yes, this was the 1934 star! Now I was really interested.

I finally found the note (lot 18065 on page 481). This is not the original Jim Thompson note, but a new discovery according to the catalog. unfortunately the catalogers do not give any details of the discovery. I had not heard about it before this sale. The serial number is *0101309A. I checked with Remembered and found the serial number of the Thompson piece: *01022388A. If my subtraction is right, that is a difference of 2079. I could probably stumble around and figure out the sheet relationship of these two notes, but I hope that someone out there who is much more familiar with US small size notes will do that for us and report.

After some hemming and hawing for which I cannot blame them, the catalogers come up with an estimate of \$125,000-\$175,000. That deserves another wow! What will it bring? Of course no one knows at this moment, but it will certainly be interesting and probably exciting.

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Mail Call

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Dear Gram,

Just for the record, I do not believe that US war bonds were purchased with Japanese invasion money.

Jim

Dear Gram,

Congratulations on Gram 1500! That is a great achievement. At the rate we are going we should receive number 1600 by 2075.

Tolek

Dear Subscriber,
Ouch.

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Charlton Gone

SHREVEPORT, LA - Charlton E. Meyer, Jr., 75, passed away at Christus Schumpert on Monday, September 11, 2006 with his family at his side. Graveside services were held on Wednesday, September 13. Charlton was born January 6, 1931 and was a lifelong resident of Shreveport. He was a lifetime member of B'Nai Zion Temple and the Shreveport Jewish Federation. He was also a nearly lifelong numismatist. Two specialities were bust half dollars and World War II concentration camp money. He built famous collections of both. He collection of concentratoin camp money was donated to the Holocaust Museum Houston and is the core of the museums touring exhibit of this material. The family requests that memorials be made in lieu of flowers to B'Nai Zion Temple, Shreveport Jewish Federation or the donor's choice. Additional information and a picture of Charlton can be found at <http://www.legacy.com/shreveporttimes/Obituaries.asp?Page=Lifestory&PersonId=19202020>

Conversion Issues

by Jim Downey

In my legal practice, I have access to electronic databases of court decisions including all of the reported cases from the Federal Judiciary. Out of curiosity I decided to enter the search term military payment certificates into the database to see what may be out there.

I was surprised to see over 250 cases that used the term. Upon review of the cases, most of them relate to courts-martial for theft of MPC from or by service members. I did not think that these were particularly interesting, but there were a few cases that may be of interest to the MPC community. I will occasionally detail these cases in the next few months.

The first case is Miller v. United States. It involved the attempt to convert more MPC than the authorized amount during the conversion from Series 591 to Series 611 in Korea.

Miller worked for the USO in Seoul as a civilian employee. He was an authorized user of MPC and received all of his pay in MPC.

The conversion to Series 611 took place on January 6, 1964. Miller applied to convert \$5,825.35 in Series 591 notes. Eighth Army Regulations prohibited the conversion of more than \$300.00 in MPC unless the holder could establish the legitimate acquisition of the currency. Despite the \$300.00 limit, Miller was permitted to convert \$1,523.00 worth of Series 591 MPC. The Department of the Army denied the request to convert the additional funds. Miller sued the United States for the remaining \$4,302.35 on the theory of a violation of the Fifth Amendment takings clause which prohibits the government from taking property of an individual without compensation and without due process.

The amount that the Department of the Army permitted to be converted was determined as follows: When Series 591 was introduced he converted \$750.00 of the prior series. From then until the conversion to Series 611, he earned \$11,140.00. He was therefore credited with legal acquisition of \$11,890.00 in MPC. He provided data that showed that his expenses during this period amounted to \$10,367.00. The difference between these numbers is the \$1,523.00 that the Department of the Army allowed him to convert.

At an administrative hearing with the Department of the Army, Miller offered differing explanations as to where the excess came from with the most plausible explanation being from gambling winnings. Miller could not provide evidence that the persons that he won the money from were authorized to hold MPC.

Miller appealed the Department of the Army decision to the Federal District Court for District of Columbia where his appeal was rejected. He then appealed to the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia who also turned him down.

The Court noted that Miller did not dispute the validity of the MPC system or that the regulations required him to prove legitimate acquisition of the money. (It would have made for a more interesting decision had he attacked the MPC system.) Instead, he argued the fact that the regulations placed this burden on him was a violation of due process in violation of the Fifth Amendment. He argued that the mere possession of the money was evidence of legitimate ownership and that it was up to the Department of the Army to prove that the money was not legitimately acquired.

The Court did not buy Millers argument. The decision was based on a rule of evidence that places the burden of proving the facts essential to the validity of a claim on the claimant where such facts are peculiarly within that persons knowledge. In simple English, since he knew where he got the money and there was no real way for the Department of the Army to know, he had to prove his case.

The Court went on further to point out that the MPC itself indicates on it that it is for use in US establishments by authorized personnel in accordance with applicable rules and regulations. In this case, the applicable regulation was the limitation on conversion and having to prove legitimate acquisition of amounts above the conversion limits. When Miller accepted his job with the USO, he did so knowing that he would be paid in MPC and that its use was subject to regulation by the military.

The question that I have is this: What happened to the money? The decision does not indicate the disposition. Was it returned to him or is \$4,302.35 in Series 591 notes sitting in a file somewhere in one of the Federal Courthouses in Washington , D.C. ? If so, are there any replacements lurking in the hoard?

Championship Question Corner

Question: What is the lowest denomination WWII Series F United States Savings bond? Question 159, difficulty 3.

Yesterday's Question: What is the most valuable US military note? Question 158, difficulty 2.

Comments from the field: Warner Talso wrote regarding question 157 that accuracy demands that the \$10 Series E bond was sold only to military personnel.

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Editorial

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The passing of a great numismatist like Charlton Meyer is of course sad news. It is also cause for reflection. Deaths always are. We are but brief caretakers of our collections. Of course this is obvious, but it is brought home at times like this. I knew Charlton for a long time even if I did not know him well. Mostly we chatted at FUN. As mentioned in the news item above he had (at least) two major collections (we would like information on others). I suspect that the majority of fellow specialists in the respective two fields hardly knew of the other passion. This of course highlightst the great diversity within numismatics.

Charlton will be greatly missed.

At about the same time that news of Charlton's passing arrived, we received news that Bill Rosenblum is having heart surgery. We are happy to pass along Bill and Rita's request that you may have to be patient for a few weeks if you try to contact them, but in the shadow of Charlton's passing our human frailty is highlighted. At the ANA convention Bill told me about the pending surgery. He was in good spirits about it, but now that the moment is here we cannot help but be a little apprehensive. Good luck Bill. We look forward to seeing you at a show soon or even at Fest 8 (you have mentioned several times the possibility of attending).

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Mail Call

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Dear Esteemed Editor,

You recently wrote about a fantastic Heritage Signature Auction but gave no date or city for it. I cannot find it what your are writing about at their website. Please include all relevant data about an auction so your readers can find it. Thank you.

The Master Sergeant Daniel

Dear The,

Ouch. You are certainly correct. I am surprised that I could make such a stupid error even though no one else is surprised.

The monster Heritage auction is this weekend at Long Beach. It is auction 418 and according to the sheet on my desk, every lot is available for viewing at HA.com/Currency. It is lot 481.

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A hundred grand

Collector Bill Doovas called from the auction floor
as the North Africa 1934 \$10 star was being sold by
Heritage at Long Beach.

The sale was anticlimatic as far as action was
concerned, but the results were still spectacular. The
great (one of THE greatest) star note opened at and
closed to the book at \$105,000.

By any measurement that is a record price for any
World War II note.

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Editorial

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I get a kick out of it when the Gram can break honest
to goodness numismatic news. Sure, we are the source
for news and features on military numismatic items,
but breaking had news is another matter. The sale of

the North Africa star is an example. Sadly so is the passing of Charlton Meyer. I had some interesting numismataic adventures in a local antique shop today. I will try to get it written up for tomorrow.

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Mail Call

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Dear Fred and everybody

Thanks for all the good wishes from everybody. As most anybody who has been in the hobby for a certain number of years can tell you the best thing about numismatics are the friends you make. I just got home from the hospital today (Monday) and am looking forward to some real food, among other things. I was very sorry to hear about the death of Charlton Meyer. He had been a long time friend and his death is a loss to our hobby. Best to everybody and hope to see you all soon.

Bill Rosenblum

Dear Gram,

Pardon me if you have already seen this, but the Seattle Theater newspaper had an article on Joe's departure from the area. Might be worth posting to the Gram. See:

<http://www.thestranger.com/seattle/Content?oid=59269>
Warner

Dear Warner,

This is a hoot. Thanks for sending it.

Editor

Dear Esteemed Editor,

I just received an email from Spinks with a new banknote sale in it. It can be accessed at <http://www.spink.com/asp/search.asp?st=U>. There are WWII Danish, Guernsey, Skit, Copy and Forgeries, British Military, POW Camps, AMC Specimen Booklet, Jersey and many other WWII notes and pieces in this sale.

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Save those Safe Deposit Box Receipts!

by Jim Downey

Many Grams ago, there were a few articles concerning the Validation Board for German Dollar Bonds. The Validation Board was created in 1953 as a result of certain agreements among the United States, West Germany and the Western European countries to verify the legitimacy of dollar denominated bonds issued by certain German industries, cities and state governments in the 1920s and 1930s. The history and procedures of the Validation Board are found in the U.S. court case of Abrey v. Reusch. Abrey attempted to register and validate 245 \$1,000.00 bonds issued by the United Steel Company. Abrey, a citizen of Poland, claimed that he acquired the bonds in Poland in 1940 and fled with them to the United States in November 1940. He claimed to have held them in a safe deposit box at the Chemical Bank in New York. He then claimed to have given them to a friend for safekeeping. The friend held them until 1950 when they were returned to Abrey. In 1953, he submitted the bonds to the Validation Board. The Validation Board ruled against Abrey. The strongest evidence against his claim was the fact that the bonds he attempted to validate were included on a list of bonds that had

been redeemed in 1940. (To give you an idea of how detailed the investigation of a claim could be, one of the other pieces of evidence against Abreys claim was the fact that his safe deposit box was not big enough to hold 245 bonds.)

There were 150 different entities that issued dollar denominated bonds. Some of these were retired or defaulted prior to the beginning of WWII. In the mid-1930s, the German government prohibited the direct payment of these obligations. This scheme which was operated through the Conversion Office for German External Debt (Konversionskasse fur Deutsche Auslandschulden) has been discussed in previous Grams as well.

During the 1920s and 1930s many of the dollar denominated bonds were repurchased and reacquired by the issuers for retirement or amortization. The bonds were issued using US institutions as underwriters who had the sole authority to cancel the bonds. During the war it was impossible for the bonds to be sent from Germany to the United States for cancellation by the underwriters. Instead, they piled up in the vaults of the Reichsbank.

At the end of the war, the Russian forces in Berlin looted the Reichsbank offices and made off with \$350,000,000.00 worth of retired bonds. Approximately \$250,000,000.00 of legitimate bonds was still held outside Germany by investors. In order to verify the legitimacy of these bonds, the Validation Board was created.

The Validation Board consisted of three members: a German member, a U.S. member and a chairman. Initially, the German member was Walter Reusch, the U.S. member was Douglas W. Hartman, and the chairman was David A. Stretch, all of whom were lawyers. Sometime after 1956, Walter Reusch was replaced as the German member by Walter Skaupy.

The U.S. and German members of the board were charged with examining the claims of legitimacy made by holders of bonds. The chairman sat as an umpire in the event of disagreement between the two members. Claimants originally presented written evidence of their claims and were entitled to a hearing before the Validation Board if requested by the Board or the claimant. An adverse determination by the Validation Board could be appealed to a court in Germany or the United States or to an arbitrator.

In order to have a Bond validated, a claimant had to first register the bond with the Board. The bond and any information or documents pertinent to its registration and validity had to be presented to the Board. Once this information was submitted, the issuer and paying agents had an opportunity to take a position as to the validity of the bond. The Validation Board could make whatever investigation of the facts it deemed necessary. It had the right to take depositions and subpoena witnesses. A bond would

be validated if the Validation Board was satisfied that the requirements of validation were met. The decision on validation was then sent to claimant.

Pursuant to the international agreements implementing the Validation Board process, there were 100 different bond issues that could be validated for redemption. Initially, there were 92 bond issues from West Germany but 8 issues from entities in East Germany were added in 1960. Only bonds held outside Germany on January 1, 1945 could be validated.

The Swiss, Dutch, Belgians, Swedes, French and English also had Validation Boards for bonds issued in these countries. Unlike the dollar bond validation system, these other countries did not implement systems where individual claims were heard. Instead, these Validation Boards made general determinations as to the validity of classes of bonds.

MPC Fest 8

Fest headquarters has [finally] announced dates for MPCFest 2007. They are March 23-25. These dates are later than ever and break with the tradition of being tied to the Chicago Paper Money Exposition.

The later dates should reduce weather complaints by Southern and Western Festers. Hopefully, the later dates will also allow some AWOL MPC collectors who have never attended with weather excuses to attend. In making the announcement, Fest organizers thanked everyone who provided input on the dates. Reservations for Fest 8 are now being accepted at MPCGram@yahoo.com.

Championship Question Corner

Question: Question 161, difficulty 2. What is the geometric figure that dominates the Durchgangslager Amersfoort notes?

Yesterday's Question 160, difficulty 2. Whose signature appears on Series G US war bonds?

Comments from the field: Kathy Myers wrote: Greetings Gram! The main gram question "champ" in our household is away

preparing to go for his tour in the sand, so I guess I'll take a guess at the question of the day. I've never even seen a Series G bond, but since they were produced when the series E bonds were, I would assume the signature was Henry Morgenthau's, the secretary of the treasury at the time. However, he did not stay "in office" the entire run of the bonds, so I would then assume his signature was replaced by Fred Vinson's and then John Snyder, who would have served at the point the bonds stopped being produced. Here's hoping I've done my gramster hubby proud. [You have done him proud and really start to thing like a numismatist! The question was carefully (??) selected to account for the possibilities that you raised. The

\$10 Series E war bond is indeed found with BOTH the Morgenthau AND Vinson signature so we could not easily use that Series for the question. Series F on the other hand has only been seen in the Morgenthau signature, but has some myteries concerning it status as a war bond so it was out. Good job.--Ed.] By the by, I am confused by question 158. Was it ever really answered?? I thought it might have been the MPC you purchased from David Seelye at FUN?! Thanks, [Hm, well your editor tried to get a little clute with this question then failed to give the answer. No, the most expensive US military note is definately NOT the Series 591 50c replacement that David Sold. It is definately NOT a MPC. It is the North Africa Series 1934 \$10 star at \$100K plus--Ed.]

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Editorial

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Have you been sufferring from Gram anxiety? Certainly you have had Gram loss the past two weeks. Has it really been two weeks? Yikes. Yes, we have missed some Grams. We are extending all paid subscriptions by FOUR weeks to make up for the missing days.

Of course I have all of the old, tired excuses about being busy etc., and although they are TRUE they are no excuse. Everyone is busy.

To make Gram loss worse, Doug Bell has determined that we are having trouble with AOL (again). Somehow the wizards at AOL have determined that the Gram when sent via the papermoneyworld computers is spam. Late yes, spam no. That is the sad state of affairs.

We found out about it when Louise Boling said something to Joe about a Gram number that he had not received. Thereafter, Doug researched the it and found the sad state of affairs with AOL. I have added a few known AOL addresses to the distribution list sent directly from Fest HQ when the Gram is sent to PMW for retransmission. In the past, this service was reserved for premium subscribers and VIPs. Such delivery assures early delivery by at least nanoseconds.

Everyone has been quite gentle about the missing Grams this time. I am not sure if we are mellowing or what, but there were relatively few calls and emails about the situation. While it was easier to not have to deal with so many of those, bit also makes us feel unloved. There just is no easy answer is there?

In the news section was the notice of the 2007 Fest dates. Of course these are not the perfect dates for everyone, but as near as we could tell from the feedback that we received, they (the dates) did not exclude anyone. We also think that moving later will be better, but we are braced for the comments. We are also ready to receive your reservation. For those of you at Fest 7 who told me to put you down, If you are not on the list below, I forgot. Please send your reservation in now. =====

Mail Call

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Dear Gram,

I have had an interesting month. I spend 6 days in Ft McCoy, WI working with the unit I will be deploying with. We did mock casualty treatment. The hospital members seem to be well trained & a good group. I have been in Ft Bliss, TX prepping for deployment. It has been very little sleep & long waits. An old fart like me failed the hearing test but I am suppose to get a waiver tomorrow & head to Iraq. (can't say when due to OPSEC). I can say I hope to be in the land of POGs by next week. Kathy will take over my role answering the championship questions. I left medical books behind to I could fit WWII Remembered in my duffle bag.

Bill Myers

Dear Bill,

Thanks for the report. There are a few more in the inbox from our vacation. We will get them caught up in the next few days (we hope).

Editor

Dear Editor,

As many of you already know I have been the caricature artist at several MPC Fests and have provided art for MFC and MFC bonds. I have recently started my own caricature company called "Ugly Duckling Art" at www.uglyducklingart.com

I am writing this email to ask for your help in promoting my company as I work to get it off the ground. You don't have to do any work, so don't worry! :) I just want to make sure you're aware that it exists, so if you hear someone interested in a caricature, you'll know where to point them. If you get a chance to visit the website, please let me know if you see anything that is confusing, or misspelled, or anything you think could work better a different way. Or, if you have any great suggestions for how to market the website, please let me know! I'm always up for suggestions! Lastly, I recently added my site to the Top-Site-List for caricatures (list of caricature sites ordered by the number of votes they get) If you think my site is good enough to get a vote, or think it's so terrible that it deserves a pity vote, please click this link below, then click "Click Here to VOTE for Ugly Duckling Art".

<http://caricatures.top-site-list.com/vote7.html>

I greatly appreciate any and all support.

Sincerely,

Dave Schwan

Ugly Duckling Art

Dear Dave,

I am sorry, we cannot run your letter. It is contrary to our editorial standards about commercialism and self promotion. Other than that, good luck. We look forward to seeing you at Festate.

Editor

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Two tons in a one ton spot

by Joe Boling

Louise and I are in Indianapolis (she continues to work in Toledo). We are inviting gramsters, festers, seminarians, and other friends to a housewarming party and mini-fest in Indy on 21 October from 1600-2000. When you RSVP (joeboling@aol.com), I will send the

street address and directions. All you folks who live in Indiana, western Ohio, and other nearby states should plan to be here. I believe that even the battalion clerk will make it. I apologize for the late notice. It's been a tough

summer. Most of you knew that I was moving from Seattle to Indianapolis - Louise flew to Seattle to assist with packing and driving. She came in behind The Master Sergeant, who was also out there for about a week packing numismatic materials and visiting friends. The main crew of packers arrived on 5 Sept (the day after Labor Day). A smaller crew had already spent two days packing non-essential stuff (things I was not still working with) the week before. The packers worked three days, and on the 8th the van and loaders arrived. My property was so heavy (over 400 cartons, plus furniture and a two-ton safe) that I got a full van dedicated to my move - they made no attempt to break down all the bookcases, because cubes were not the issue - it was the weight distribution to the axles that was crucial. Total weight was 35,000 pounds - 5k under the estimate, but still enough to justify the mode used. The van left that night and Louise and I left on the 9th for two nights in Oregon with my mother, then a four-day trek across the country. We pulled in here on 14 September and the van and

local unloaders were here bright and early (and undermanned) on the 15th. When they got the safe off of the van (a rental forklift met them here), they could not get it into the house. There are two steps - one to the porch and one to the front door sill. Four guys using two wheeled jacks could not move that safe up the ramp into the house - we ended up parking it in the garage (an unsatisfactory long-term solution because of the lack of climate control in the garage). So, a dedicated safe-moving company was employed. They got here about a ten days later and had the same problem (and they arrived with one fewer body than the movers had). I ended up pushing the safe up the ramp with my car, and five of us then got it over the last hump at the door sill (a neighbor, amused at the sight of me driving into the house, came to assist with that last push - his help was the turning point). Once inside, they were able to get it to within an inch of where I wanted it (a critical inch - I had to swap bookcases with another room to finish that wall). I am much happier than I was on the 15th. Now for some actual military numismatics. A few weeks

ago I got a message about and some scans of a piece that had been brought home to Australia from Vietnam. The transmitter wanted an opinion about just what his friend owned. It was obviously a series 641 50c note that was missing a lot of printing - the whole orange plate was absent. It looked like a partially-printed note - the serials and position number are present, and the brown-black counters and much of the blue and brown underprint - but the portrait is a blank spot,

and none of the text is present. It's a spectacular error - until you look at the back. The back is also missing all of the orange - only the gray-brown counters and the same-color linework around the eagle are present. The eagle, like the portrait on the face, is a large white spot. The planchettes are so numerous (and so obvious) that they give the back a multi-color appearance even though only one color of ink is present. With the main color missing from both sides, the likelihood that the piece is actually a printing error becomes minuscule, and I told the inquirer so - but I invited him to send the note for a physical examination. It arrived yesterday. It is well-circulated in terms of wrinkles and hard creases (and it has been wet), but the note still has a lot of body, and the colors that are present do not look particularly faded. I looked it over carefully before going to bed this morning, and could see no trace of the orange plate under any aspect of white light and magnification. Tonight I looked at it under UV light. The missing is

found - under long-wave UV, the portrait is faint but clear, and more significantly, all of the text is readable - even though it is completely invisible under white light. The back is not quite as bold, but the eagle is visible under UV. In short, it's a spectacularly damaged note, but not a printing error. Has anyone else seen one of these orange notes with the main plates (face and back) obliterated? Does anyone have a suggestion as to what kind of environment would cause this kind of damage? Don't forget - party in Indy on 21 October. Let us know you are coming (or even just thinking about coming).

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actually quite proud to say I knew this one without referring to my brand new S&B, though I admit checking it to confirm my answer and read about the notes. It is the triangle, which seems to appear on many of the concentration camp notes.

Glad to see the Gram is back. We DID miss you. (Bill thought he had just been missing it in his e-mail...guess e-mail takes longer to get to Kuwait?!) [Kathy can we look forward to seeing you at Fest 8

(with or without Bill?)

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Editorial
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When I was reading Joe Boling's report of moving his safe, I could not help thinking of the famous 19th century vignette of a do sitting on a safe. The title of this vignette is Security. I loved it the instant that I learned the name. I now have a vision of Joe guarding that safe with his BB gun. I am delighted at all of the responses to the request for Fest reservations and other matters that came up in 1504. Of course there are many reservations still to come in. We do not yet have any new Festers registered. If you have not been to the Fest, I can all but guarantee you a good time. We have some new things being planned so I hope to see you here in March.

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Mail Call
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Dear Esteemed Editor,
About two weeks ago, I went to a dermatologist and she found a spot that needed a biopsy. After four Washington Cancer Institute doctors looked at it, they said a biopsy was not necessary, it was melanoma. Three hours later, there was about half of a regular-sized lemon taken off my left calf. It looked like a BIG bite out of a hamburger and covered with stitches. I took a LOT of pain pills for a couple of days, half as many for two more days then dropped them altogether.
On Wednesday, I went back to the institute and I got a look-over by the surgeon who is going to operate on me. A biopsy on the hunk taken out of me proved it was cancerous and large enough to have sent some cells up to my lymph nodes, but they believe it is early and easily curable. Besides checking me over VERY carefully, the doctor did a "finger wave" on me and said my prostate was OK. Thanks a lot!
I am now scheduling a bunch of lab work on my blood, urine and stool, two different MRI scans, and some kind of x-ray. After they get all of the results, I will call the doctor with my wife so we can schedule an operation date that is convenient for the doctor and my wife. Anytime is OK with me and the sooner the better!
He said they will be going in with the metal rods about the size of a pencil, look at the places from the tests where the cancer is located, and cut and pull out those parts. Then he will take a patch of skin and fat off my buttocks (ass for you Air Force, Navy and Marine Corp veterans) and put it over the hole in my calf, and use a synthetic skin on the place where he took it off me.
That is all for now. I am looking for a complete cure and I will present the doctors and nurses with a souvenir sheet of some kind with an MPC on it

commemorating their work on me. I am sure they will post it in their offices and/or homes. Someone out there in Gramster land is going to have to assist me with it. Any volunteers?

The Master Sergeant Daniel

Dear Howard,

I was looking for the humor twist, then I was hoping for it. We share your message so that everyone can add you to their personal (or public or whatever) prayer lists AND so that others of us can take some action: stop smoking, lose weight, exercise all those pesky little things.

You did not say it explicitly, but I am adding you to the Fest list in anticipation that you can bore all of us by showing us your operation.

I think that I know where we can find some MFC sheets for an important mission like this.

Editor

Dear Gram-Meister Fred,

I must say that I was getting a bit nostalgic, what with no Gram for near a fortnight. I even took to reading a whole bunch of back issues just so I had something to look at !

But just because it is two weeks late, is no excuse for skipping 1503, so where is 1503 huh?

There, now do you feel the "love"?

Please accept my reservation for festate, for which I can hardly wait.

Peace!

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Dear 21,

You do not have an AOL address so I do not know what happened to 1503, but I sent another.

Editor

Dear Editor,

I am planning on coming, and will be happy to be the transportation office again.

Cheers,

Sparky

Dear Sparky,

Great and great. Everyone, please see the transportation note under coordinating instructions for the Fest in the calendar section.

Dear Editor;

Where will Fest 7 be held? This will be the same

weekend as Baltimore and Fort Smith, Ark. Need the information for planning purposes.

Thanks

Paul Garner
District Governor and Resident Curmudgeon
Texas Numismatic Association

Dear Crum,
Thank you for writing. I have been negligent in answering a question that you have sent in the past (I think that I never answered it). As I recall, you invited the group to hold the Fest at the Texas Numismatic Association Convention/show. That was a nice invitation and I suspect that someone will take you up on it and hold some miniFests in the future. Fests on the other hand are always held in beautiful metropolitan Port Clinton, Ohio. (Near Catawba, Oak Harbor, and LaCarne (also between Toledo and Cleveland). We would love to have you and think that you would have a great time.

Editor

Hello Fred,

Reserve a place for Miles and me. I will let you know of anyone else I can con into going (okay, con might not be the right word). I like the later dates. By the way, let's get a NBN Fest going! Is that on the back burner or has it fallen off the stove completely?

William E. Yanchick
Benton Coins & Collectibles

Dear Gram,
I must protest! I believe that if you check your records you will see that I was the first, again, to sign up and place a deposit for Fest 2007 at the Fest 2006. Please enter my name on the list of paid Festers for 2007.
Let Dave [Schwan] know that I veoted for his site! A nice one it is too! Actually I voted twice just to be sure. You know what we say in Texas, vote early and often!

The dates sound good for the 2007 Fest! Can't wait!

John Cheney

Dear John,
How right you are.

Editor

I am missing #1502 and #1503. Could you please retrans.

Thanks,

Warner

Dear Warner,
That is because of the pesky AOL problem. Can anyone help?

Editor

Dear Gram,
Please ass my name to the list for Fest 8.

Roger Urce

Dear Roger,
I assumed that you meant add or did I miss something?

Editor

Dear Editor,
Sign us up for Fest 8 and we want motel reservations for Thursday night also.
Dan & Kathy Freeland

Dear DK,
Thanks for the reservation AND reminding me to think about Thursday. I am adding my Thursday estimates to the list below and ask that reservations that are still coming in include requests for Thursday as appropriate. We highly suggest that you come in on Thursday if you can. We will have our traditional meal at Big Boppers then the new tradition of bowling will be conducted with the same professionalism and excellence as last year!

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ANA Prez Has Vision

ANA President Bill Horton visited the Albuquerque Coin Club show last weekend. On Thursday evening during set up he addressed club members and dealers present. He said that one of the honors of being president of the American Numismatic Association was that he gets to make various awards and that one of

the best of those awards is the President's Award. This award is given to an individual who has supported the association and/or the hobby in any number of ways. One beauty of the award is that the president makes the award simply based upon his judgement although other members can make recommendations. President Horton then concluded his remarks by presenting a President's Award to Fester Warner Talso.

HOUSEWARMING DEFERRED.

by Joe Boling

Louise's work schedule and my travel schedule conspire to make us unable to get the house ready for a party/minifest on 21 October. We are therefore deferring the event to 11 November, same hours (1600-2000). So far only one family has RSVP'd, and that was a tentative response, so I don't think many will be inconvenienced by this change in plans. Be warned - the place will still be in shambles, but at least we might have room to put some chairs out. I recently examined a set of fake Philippine JIM

marked as specimens ("mihon"). These are being marketed on eBay by a seller who insists that they are proof notes from before the primary JIM production, which explains why they are not printed by the same technology as the genuine JIM. To which I say "bull." Some of the notes in the set are Rizal monument notes, which you all know are intaglio products. These replicas are lithographed, with the watermark simulated by printing a brownish-yellow image on the back in the watermark window. The serials and blocks are largely letterpress, as they should be, but the mihon markings are not - they are lithographed along with the main note image. Here is my commentary on the seller's line of bull: If "essay proof notes" were going to be printed in 1941, they would have been of the initial issue, the litho notes, not the engraved Rizal monument notes, which came later. Similarly, the 500 peso notes were MUCH later, and not even contemplated in 1941. Just because a "Japanese historical group" has ordered them, and other eBay bidders have not returned the notes, does not mean that they are good - which they are not, in my opinion. Reference Fred's delivery of an AMC franc note to representatives of the Paris mint at ANA this year - they did not even know what the notes were. Similarly, the Japanese historical group may have absolutely no idea what they are looking at. The Yokohama Specie Bank did not print the original notes [as the seller claims] - the Finance Ministry Printing Bureau did. In short, these are fantasy specimens. Beyond \$20-\$30 as references [more appropriately \$5-\$10], one would be overpaying. Ray Czahor has recently also circulated a warning

about these notes. *****

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Congratulations to Warner Talso AND Bill Horton. To Warner for receiving the ANA President's Award. Warner's contributions to the military numismatics fraternity are well known. It is not so clear to us that these contributions are as well known to the greater community which is why we believe that congratulations also go to President Horton. Well done all.

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Mail Call

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Dear Gram

My flight to Kuwait was not uneventful. We went from El Paso, TX to a refueling stop at Kennedy airport in N.Y. & then started over the Atlantic Ocean. We hit turbulence about 1 hour out and a flight attendant was hurt so we flew back to Boston to get her to a hospital. It ended up she was OK but we spend the night in Boston. We left the next morning, one soldier short as he overslept and no one checked up on him. We then flew to Germany for a short layover and on to Kuwait. We were bused to Ali Al Salem (which I translate to Sspace in the desert with buildings?). We then gathered up our gear & load it in a truck and get on buses to ride to Camp Buehring (an even more desolate place in the desert with buildings). We unload our gear from the truck then load it back on another truck, as they had dropped us off at the wrong place. We get to our tent and there are about 45 soldiers in it, mostly Docs. It is air conditioned. Showers are in a trailer and there are Port-a-Johns. Our training has consisted of IED Briefings, classes to teach us to use the computers that will be in the hospital, and getting up at 0300 to drive 1 hours in the desert to fire our weapons. We just fired 5 shots at the targets & have no idea what we hit as the exercise was just to make sure the weapons worked. The whole thing took about 5 hours. The rest of my time has been spent reading [WWII Remembered we assume--ed], going to the movies, waiting to get on a computer or DSN phone and, of course, visiting the PX and searching for POGs. The food at the DEFAC is great. Every Wed night the choices are steak, fried shrimp and King Crab legs. I do not even get that at home! At least I eat well. It looks like I will miss MPC Fest 2007 so I will have to

see you in 2008.

Bill

Dear Bill,
Thanks for the report. Forward deployed Festers should get some sort of Fest credit. This is a first so we will have to think about it.

Editor

Dear Esteemed Editor,
Thank you for the offer of MFC Sheets for my doctors and nurses. Please make a reservation for me at the 2007 Fest and I want the same hotel room too. I will also arrive a day early and leave the day after it is over. Will you have another field trip like the last one?

The Master Sergeant Daniel

Dear Howard,
Reservation taken. Yes, we are planning a post-Fest field trip. Details to be announced.

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by John K. Kallman

I been receiving the MPC gram for sometime now, but have had little to add until late. I have been a collector of MPC, AMC, and related items for more or less 25 plus years (less of late than more). As most collectors, at shows and flea markets when ever I see MPC in a junk box, I always look to see if there are any replacement notes. And as always, I would come away empty handed. With the advent of ebay, I would scan the listing almost daily, hoping to find one that somehow feel throught the cracks. Figure the odds! Well, perhaps I should have bouth a lotter ticket. On a cold dreay day when there was not much else to do, I was looking at the ebay lots more than usual and found a newbie listing notes in pairs with nothing more than the series number and denomination. About the 3rd or

4th lot, there it was, a pair of 692 - 10c notes, one regular issue, one a replacement note. I bid, and while I soon was out bid, because it was NOT listed as a replacement note, the number of bidders/watchers was unusually low and I managed to get the pair of notes for a very reasonable price.

Not to be out done, while on a trip to find a good hunting spot for bear, we passed by a coin shop in a town that I had not been to for a number of years and had never visited. I ask the drive if on the way home, we could stop and I could take a look.

As it turns out, I actually new the dealer who sets up at one of the local coin shows, but did not know where his shop was located. While what he has in military was spares, there among three other MPC notes was another replacement note. Asking the price, he quoted

a price for each note, or a discount if I bought all five. I bought all five, bringing the price of my second ever replacement note, this time a series 521 -10c, down to all of \$2.00!

So, yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus, and to collectors, there are still replacement notes out there, and the prices can be from reasonable to a down right steal!

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Question: Question 164, difficulty 2.

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Question: Bill Myers answered: This is the first time I have been able to have the time to answer in awhile. Joe Boling taught the course. PS I made it to Iraq and am now in Mosul, I flew in a C130 packed tighter than a sardine for 2 hrs. I must talk to my travel agent.

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Editorial

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We stay out of national and international politics. We also try to stay out of ANA politics. It is true that for each of the past few ANA elections (and IBNS too) we offered candidates opportunities to share their positions and ideas with Gramsters. We were actually disappointed at the small number to accepted the offer. Nonetheless, the offer was made and a few accepted. However, it is going to be much more difficult to stay out of the probable fray that will be called the ANA elections. That is because of the candidacy of Wendell Wolka. It is fairly easy to say at this point without other announced candidates that Wendell would be a wonderful governor. He has educational and professional qualifications, but most of all his collector credentials are excellent. Of course he is also a personal friend. We have shared a dorm room at

the ANA summer seminar. He and I flew together (by chance) to the First Memphis paper money show (gosh. about 30 years ago). Most importantly, Wendell is a Fester. What greater qualifications could a person have?

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Mail Call

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Dear Editor,

I hope Kathy has not beaten me to it Joseph E. Boling conducted the Counterfeit class at ANA Summer School

By the way I have just finished the last of the columns on the Summer School in our magazine copies to you after the show this weekend.

By the way in true MPC Fest Style I believe there may be a minifest this weeken the first, if I am correct to be held in the southern hemisphere. More when I get back from Melbourne.

By the way I have been in fairly constant contact with Bill Myers since the ANA.

Best regards

Tony James

Dear Esteemed Editor,

I recently learned John Sylvester is selling his very extensive collection of Indochina area medals and decorations. His collection also includes those of other countries in the world who issued medals and decorations associated with that part of the world too. He is keeping his ribbon collection, but an auction firm at <http://www.fjpauctions.com/> will be selling his medals and decorations. I just visited this website for the first time and it looks like a lot of Gramsters will be interested in it.

You have my reservation, but I do not yet have a cost to PayPal you with or to charge to my Visa card. When will you have the cost? Do I make separate reservations with Holiday Inn for the extra days? Will there be pay in MFC for carrying "stuff" out of the warehouse and setting up the show? For the last Fest, the pay was so low, I completely missed it. I owe the Holiday Inn manager \$100 for the Leo May Fest T-Shirts I have sold for her. Will an ad be allowed in the Gram to try to sell the rest of them or is that against regulations?

The Master Sergeant Daniel

Dear The,

Fest payment detail will be included in the calendar section soon. An ad for the May T-shirt would be great. It would be especially great if a link to a photo of a buxom model wearing the shirt were included in the ad. Yes, this might be a violation of regulations, but we might be able to get it by the

censors.

Editor

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Congratulations to Warner (and Bill too) on the ANA
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letter

by Jim Downey

Although most people view the German invasion of Poland in September 1939 as the start of WWII, an argument can be made that the Japanese occupation of Manchuria in 1931 marked the real commencement of the war (this is the approach of Schwan and Boling in Remembered). The occupation of Manchuria was the beginning of the Japanese attempt at extending its hegemony over eastern Asia. As the Japanese military spread throughout China during the 1930s, Japanese occupation of China's financial system followed.

The Japanese set up a system of banks throughout China for the purpose of controlling China's currency and financial resources. These puppet banks issued a rather extensive series of notes and coins. Although the Japanese military was initially successful in occupying large portions of China, control of the Chinese financial system was not so successful.

The collapse of the Chinese economy was a concern of the Allies, particularly the United States, during the war. The breakdown of the Chinese economy forced the War Department to pay US forces in China with US currency rather than with local currency which was the

practice in the other theaters of war.

The following information is taken verbatim from a classified United States intelligence report dated June 22, 1943. It is in the form of a letter. Interestingly, although the contents of the letter have been declassified, the identity of the sender and the recipient remains classified after 63 years!

"A lot of people have been wondering about the currency warfare in occupied China which we thought you would be interested to have some details about.

Most merciless and noteworthy among Japan's aggressive measures against China is currency warfare. The Japanese have been expanding their own banking and currency systems and those of their puppets on the one hand and making every assault against the Chinese legal tender on the other. Their purpose is to seize as much materials as possible from occupied China.

Japan has adopted different financial and currency policies in the various parts of occupied China. The first invasion bank was created by the Japanese in China in October, 1934, two months after Japanese troops penetrated Kalgan, former capital of Chahar province. Capitalized at \$1,000,000, the bank jointly operated by the "Central Bank of Manchukuo" and the puppet regime in southern Chahar for the purpose of extending the bogus notes of the "Central Bank of Manchukuo." It was reorganized in to the present "Mengkiang Bank" and was placed under the control of the "Mengkiang Government" upon the latter's inauguration after the outbreak of the war in 1937. Its capital was then increased to \$12,000,000, and later increased to \$60,000,000. Recent reports indicate that the capital has been increased to \$150,000,000. The "Mengkiang Bank" has been issuing bogus notes, but has so far failed to curtail the circulation of the Chinese legal tender.

Not satisfied with issuing bogus money alone, the Japanese have seized a number of native banks in Chahar, Shasi and Suiyan and reorganized them into three industrial banks. The so-called "Southern Chahar Industrial Bank" was formed by 13 native banks in Kalgan and Suanhwa (southern Chahar) with a capital of \$1,000,000 of which \$500,000 came from the "Mengkiang Bank." The third is the "Mongolian Industrial Bank." Capitalized at \$1,000,000, the bank was reorganized from 18 banks in Kweisui, Fongchen, Tsining, and Paotow (all railway cities in the Inner Mongolian province of Suiyan).

The situation has been more complicated in North China than in Inner Mongolia. It was not until 1938 that the Japanese ordered their puppets to organize the "China Federal Reserve Bank." Capitalized at \$23,000,000, the puppet bank was created for drawing the reserves from all the existing banks in North China and issuing new notes. The first measure adopted by the Japanese after the inauguration of the bank was to prohibit the use of legal tender. The order had to

be compensated, however, by depreciating the value of the "FRB" notes because the people preferred the use of legal tender. The Japanese then ordered the control of trade, forcing the use of the bogus notes as the sole medium of exchange. The position of the notes was comparatively stabilized late in 1939, as the Japanese extended the control of export trade throughout North China. The increasing inflow of Japanese goods to North China, however, resulted in the concentration of the "FRB" notes in to the hands of the Japanese themselves, thus producing harm instead of profit. Measures were adopted both by the Japanese and by the puppets in 1940 to combat the worsening situation, but little was achieved.

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Question: Kathy Myers answered: The "gramster" must be away on a trip. Always seems that that's when the number of issues picks up. I am getting spoiled, again, by the frequency of reading the gram. Glad my hubby and Tony James responded to the question, as I never got back to the computer to venture my guess. I would have gotten it right, because I remember that the newbie in me was quit impressed to see that Joe is the expert in not just military numismatics, but world paper money as well...I don't know who comes up with the difficulty scale for the questions, but I think Question 164 should be rated higher than a 2. I just can't find anything in the question to help pinpoint an answer. Gee, the mind's a terrible thing to waste!? I guess, however, it takes an old fart to know one. [What a hoot! When I read your response about question 164 I laughed. I thought that possibly I should consult the Gram staff personnel cart to see who is responsible for assigninng question difficulty then I remembered that I am responsible for it all. The joke was really on me because at that moment I did not know that I had failed to enter a question 164 in Gram 1057. I had intended to go back and enter a question AND put in a news story about Wendell running for the ANA board. Instead I forgot them both though I did make comments on Wendell in my editorial.--Ed.]

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Editorial

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Jim Downey has found another great source of

information. I love his column on this topic begun today. Besides the content of the column, I am intrigued by the source. I would love to know from and to whom the letter was sent. It would probably be anticlimatic. We probably would not know either of them.

My brother in law's father who died very recently served in China during World War II. He was a physician somewho assigned to a Chinese division. I met the gentleman several times and had a few opportunities to talk to him about his experiences. Of course I now wish that I had talked much more and recorded the conversations too. He told me the division and the name of the commanding general. I went to the Internet and found cooberating information, but he was not interested in pursuing--or even reading--any of the information. I guess I can understand that since my own father was much the same was and I guess the Greatest Generation generally operates that way. I did as him how he was paid. He sat very quiet and seemed to travel to another time then said that they did not have any use for money and that he did not think that he had been paid in the field the entire time that he was there. I suspect that the first part is correct--he had no need for money--such that he forgot about ever being paid. I did not push it again since he had given the question careful consideratoin.

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The Grams are coming in fine now. It was just your long "vacation" that worried me.

Thanks

Bill

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letter part II

by Jim Downey

The painful experience gained by the Japanese in North China caused them to adopt a rather different policy in Central and South China. Knowing the difficulties in creating a new system the Japanese gave up their attempts to destroy the Chinese legal tender, but tried to collect as much Chinese money as they could for the purpose of gaining more materials in the war areas.

The puppet "Hwa Hsin Bank" was established in May 1939. This puppet institution was different from the "FRB" in North China, for it did not act as a sort of central bank. It was not included in the so-called yen bloc because it used the Chinese legal tender as a reserve for the issuance of bogus notes. "Hwa Hsin" notes were merely nominal in value, aiming at absorption of Chinese notes.

The creation of the puppet "Central Reserve Bank" in January, 1942, did not change the enemy's policy of economic exploitation, Japanese spokesmen have been repeatedly announcing that Japan does not want to drive out fapi [this is a Chinese word which essentially means the Chinese legal tender or the notes of the native Chinese banks] entirely from the occupied regions, for the absence of fapi will create further troubles for the bogus money. Meanwhile, the Japanese and their puppets have been making every effort to stabilize the exchange position of the "CRB" notes.

The Japanese have ordered the reopening of those Shanghai banks closed after the outbreak of the Pacific war and the resultant complete occupation of the port city by the Japanese. As a result, there are now 194 Chinese banks in Shanghai. Ninety-three of them have their headquarters there. An overwhelming majority of the 123 are commercial banks, engaged in sheer speculation undertakings. Most of the banks are capitalized at around \$1,000,000. The largest are capitalized at about \$2,000,000. Both coins and paper currency formerly belonging to these banks were taken away by the Japanese in exchange for "CRB" notes.

The Japanese are practicing a similar policy in South China. They have thus far created about 20 banks, both modern and old-fashioned, at Canton, former provincial capital of Kwangtung. With the Kwangtung branch of the "CRB" as a nucleus, these

banks are promoting the use of Japanese military yen and "CRB" notes.

In the spring of 1940, a so-called financial offensive was launched by the Japanese in Kwangtung Province. All sorts of differences were made about the value of the different issues of Chinese legal tender, aiming at the depreciation of Chinese notes. This was carried out simultaneously in other parts of the occupied areas. In Canton, the Yokohama Specie Bank, the Bank of Taiwan (Formosa), and the puppet "Kwangtung Provincial Bank" are the chief agencies in creating such disturbances.

The Japanese created a "General Remittance Bureau of Canton" to take charge of the remittances of overseas Chinese, with the obvious purpose of seizing more foreign exchange. Branch bureaus have been set up in six Kwangtung counties. Assisting the matter is the puppet "Overseas Bank of Canton," whose function is to make necessary associations with Hong Kong and the South Seas. Chinese traitors are sent to various parts of the South Seas to persuade the overseas Chinese to remit their money home through the Yokohama Specie Bank, the Bank of Taiwan, or any other puppet bank. The center of their activity is Singapore.

Kwangtung banks were ordered to hand over their fapi-reserves and were given "CRB" notes, which are now compulsorily circulated in South China.

It shows how the Japs try to operate in all the occupied areas and which is not working out favorably."

There is no question that the Japanese monetary policy in China was a disaster for both Japan and China. The Nationalist Chinese monetary policies of Chiang Kai Shek were as damaging to the Chinese economy as the Japanese policy was, if not more so. Rampant inflation hit both the puppet bank currencies and the nationalist yuan by the end of the war.

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Question: Ken Berger responds that Henry Pu Yi was the emperor of Manchukuo and the last emperor of China. Kathy Myers answered: The easy part of the question was the emperor of Manchukuo. That was Henry Pu Yi, a previous emperor of China. Re: the flag, I'll venture a guess. The flag of Manchukuo was a spin-off of the pre-Nationalist flag of China. It keeps the same 5-colored theme - red, white, blue, black and yellow stripes, but changes the yellow stripe into the main background color of the flag. I am guessing that the

interest of the flag to numismatists is that the 5-colored flag was reproduced on the first notes, and this was a technological advance for Japan's printing bureau at the time. I am a bit baffled by this one, so I'll be anxious to read what answers other gram readers provide, including my hubby, who collects the Manchukuo notes and has read up on the subject. [Well done Kathy. Yes the significance of the flag is its use on Manchukuo currency--paper money AND coins. That is a bit unusual in itself, but the color printing of the flag on the notes was a technical achievement as you say.--Ed]

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Editorial

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As I prepare this Gram, I am watching the very end of the chess world championship. It has been an amazing contest. Essentially, they are in overtime. What has this to do with numismatics and the Gram? Well chess is represented in numismatics in many ways and places (including MFC). Ah, but the Gram question is an interesting one. The only other significant mention of chess in the Gram (I think) occurred in 1991 when the defending champion Kramnik won the title in London. As it happened the match started during the London Paper Money Congress and I attended game 1 (it was really exciting). So, to me at least there is a paper money-Gram connection to the world championship.

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Mail Call

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Dear Gram,

I had a nice day today. The Nassau County Museum has an exhibition of Mort Kunstler paintings. I assume everyone know that he has painted hundreds of military scenes, to include a pile of very famous Civil War scenarios, and also others from as early as the Revolutionary War right through to Vietnam and the current Iraqi Freedom. His work is amazing. You can get real close and see the steam coming out of the mouths of soldiers in the snow. By some great good fortune he was at the museum today. I heard him being interviewed and he said that he had started drawing at 4 and by 12 was as good as he is today. The only difference in that now he is a lot faster. He claimed to do about 8 paintings a year.

I was amazed to see one scene from stories that I have written, showing the Jewish inmates at Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp counterfeiting American \$50 bills. He got it slightly wrong, the Counterfeiters worked on a \$100 bill. I also noticed in the Kunstler write-up that the Jews were forced to counterfeit the currency. That is not exactly true. It was a good job and kept a prisoner out of the crematorium, so most of them begged for the job, and some that had no skills even lied to get into the counterfeiting group. He also says that no American

bills were counterfeited, and that is still being argued. There are some counterfeiters who have stated that the plot never came to fruition, others who have stated that about four hundred \$100 bills were finished, and an American Army officer who had worked for the Secret Service thought that about 6,000 notes were probably finished. Besides that, all else was as it should be.

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Down Under MindiFest

by Tony James

In true felonious style, and in a way typical of world perceived habits of those living down under. (Something about convict transportation for the crime of Counterfeiting?) A MiniFest was held on Friday 13 October 2006 after closing time of the Melbourne Fair of the Australian Numismatic Dealers Assn .

A Challenge coin show down occurred during the show between Tony James and Nik Sharplin, the contest was considered a draw due to the various perceptions of which coins should be used!!

Over dinner at a city restaurant a long overdue payment was made of outstanding travel pay and an amount of AUD225 or One Pound six shillings and sixpence depending upon how and who counted their pay! This was due to the overprinting of Hay Internment Camp notes (Special Printing) for 6d, 1/- and 2/- with decimal values of \$5, \$10, and \$20. Also inscribed with the o/p Military Fest Certificate, First Australian MiniFest Melbourne, October 2006

While the Minifest was held in Melbourne Victoria, the printing of the Fest Certificates had been completed in Sydney NSW and therefore spelling errors have been observed in payments made - no doubt due to preshow pressure and lack of prior orders to the printer.

Present were Tony James who attended the recent 2006 ANA Summer School and Nik Sharplin who had attended ANA in 2004 and 2005.

Show and tell items included:-

10 East Africa Command Token money

5 franc New Hebrides SB1701b

JIM Oceania 1/2 shilling, 1/- and 1 pound replica notes.

A War journal of a 56yo officer of the Green Howards British Regiment who was a WW2 POW with an unrecorded Italian POW camp chit and German POW currency together with photo and artwork and military record book.

Discussion continues upon proposed Australian representation at the 2007 Summer School and financial assistance for future students from OZ.

It was agreed that a set of Australian MPC Minifest certificates be donated to next years auction held at the ANA for Young Numismatists.

Both participants agreed that further education at ANA Summer Schools was required and more correspondence is to be entered into in the very near future. Since the Minifest arrangements have firmed for an increased Australian attendance at 2007 ANA!! [When Tony sent in the letter about his down under

mini Fest, I intended to make some comments but forgot to make them before sending out the Gram. First, when having a miniFest, it is customary to announce it enough ahead of time that prospective participants can make arrangements. I agree that there was not much likelihood that any other convicts would have attended, but still it is good form to announce it. The next thing is to send a report of the event to the Gram (well done there Tony!!). Finally, you should send images of issued items to Doug Bell AND Al Glaser (for hanging on PMW for everyone to see and for Al to include in his catalog.--Ed)

Championship Question Corner

Question: Question 165, difficulty 2. What Military Fest Certificate features a chess theme? [I think that this is the first time that we have not received an answer from the field to the question so we will extend this question until next time.--Ed]

Yesterday's Question 164, difficulty 2.

Question: Kathy Myers answered:

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Editorial

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Early last week, the boss and I went to a coffee house in Marblehead (a suburb of Port Clinton) for lunch. It was nice but pricy--especially for Ottawa county in October. Two doors down was a used book store--a favorite kind of place for me. This was an upscale place as used book stores go. It is an unusual operation. It is a venture run by volunteers seeling donated books to raise money to establish a local (Marblehead) library. Hardound books are \$2, paper bound \$1. All of this is very cool.

The bad news is that there was not a big World War II section. Indeed, there were really only two WWII books. I splurged and bought them both. One is very interesting on many counts. I am sure that I will comment on it and quote from it regularly in the weeks to come.

The Secret Histoy of the War by Waverly Root was published in 1945. That was one of the things that attracted me. I like contemporary reports. Only with some digging did I find that the cut off of the book was approximately Jan 1, 1943. Here is one small among many things that I have

learned so far. I learned in the 1970s from one of Ray Toy's books that the name of the Free French was changed to Fighting French by General DeGaule. In the interveening years I have seen both terms used but have never seen a discussion of this change in terminology. On page 69 Root describes how the underground movements in France gave their loyalty to the general and the name was changed in recognition of this fact because those fighters in France were not at all free, but they were indeed fighting. I am very pleased to learn this. I am going to edit this into the Remembered manuscript yet tonight.

The book is interesting beyond the history. Below the autor's name on the title page is a roman numeral II. The only other large clue that this is volume II is that the book also starts with chapter 18 (but page 1.) Of course when I figured out that this is volume II, I certainly wanted volume I.

That started me on a google/amazon search. Where do I start describing this journey?

The first frustration was that I definately could not find Volume I. I did find many entries for Waverly Root, but this guy was a food expert. After some more digging I found that it was the same Waverly Root and

there was at least a partial autobiography. Of course I ordered it. The big surprise was that I did find a sale listing for volume III! You KNOW that I ordered that one (it was substantially more than the \$2 at the used book store), but still a bargain.

I am only 129 pages int 624 pages and have plenty to report from those that I have read so keep your reading glasses handy.

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Mail Call

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Dear Esteemed Editor,

The Charlotte ANA is March 16-18 and the MPC Fest is March 23-25. I am going to have a very busy couple of weeks on the road! And it might be longer if I am again invited to talk at a Vietnam War seminar. Yesterday, I was told my internal surgery is going to be in the early morning of October 30, and that my wife can drive me home a few hours later, if there are no complications, which they (and me) are not expecting. This should get me in tip-top shape for the FUN Show in January, and then several minor (sic) events before Memphis in June.

The Master Sergeant Daniel

Dear The,

Yes, we knew that Charlotte would make it difficult for you and Joe and possibly a few others, but for the first seven Fests we were backed up with CPMX which was more difficult for more people. For Festate I expect that Joe will go to all three events.

The ANA winter event was not such a big consideration until Joe and now you started coming, but we are happy to accomodate when we can. The real difficult thing has been getting the Winter Olympics moved to accomodate the Fest.

Editor

Dear Esteemed Editor,

There are many, many lots of interest to Gramsters in the Ponterio & Associates Sale #140 at www.Ponterio.com/currentsale.html.

The Master Sergeant Daniel

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The London Paper Money Fair has moved to: Victory Services Club, 63 Seymour Street, off Edgware Road, Marble Arch London and the dates are: Nov 26. see: www.britishnotes.co.uk or www.londonpapermoneyfair.co.uk

Nov 11, Boling house warming party and mini Fest (1600-2000).

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Italy Report

by Roger Urce

For quite a while my wife and I had planned to go to Italy and this past September we finally got to take the trip. We started in Rome, the first of the twelve cities and towns we would visit, and experienced the beauty of Vatican City and the Vatican museums with its magnificent frescos, mosaics and sculptures. Since the Vatican is its own country it has its own postal system with the Vatican post office right in St. Peter's square. I picked up some stamps for postcards and took a look around for any philatelic or numismatic items which may have been of interest. Nothing out of the ordinary was found except for a commemorative silver coin honoring the late Pope John Paul II. It was a nicely done coin but at 200 Euros (about \$260) I passed. In our two and one-half days in Rome I looked for local coin shops but none were to be found. After Rome we found ourselves on the road to Cassino to visit the monastery (Monte Cassino) which was the site of a long and bloody battle during World War II. As we passed through Cassino enroute up the narrow winding road to the monastery out of the window I saw a sign which told me the building was a museum dedicated to Cassino and the war. How do you say "stop the bus" in Italian? It did not matter because even after asking in English the bus kept going. We spent a couple of hours at the monastery

and saw how it was restored after it's destruction during the battle. On the way back down the mountain I again tried to convince the tour guide to stop at the museum but we were told the schedule would not permit a stop. I can only guess at what I would have found. Our tour continued on through some small coastal towns and villages one of which was Orvieto known for its beautiful cathedral and outstanding white wine. My wife stopped in a local shop and upon paying the bill I took the change from my pocket to count out the Euro coins. As I did so the shop owner inquired about my challenge coin which was with the change in my hand. She spoke no English and I could not find the words in Italian to explain what a challenge coin was and how it used, so I told her it was a military coin. She took a closer look and commented it was "bello" (nice).

Our next city was Pisa with its leaning tower and all the tourists taking a picture trying to hold it up. I did manage to find a stamp shop in the square but it offered just stamps most of which were Italian and none of which had any military themes. Florence has a wonderful museum dedicated to Michelangelo and that is where, among many other pieces, we were able to see his sculpture "David." I did find a coin shop but it was small and featured common Italian coins and uncirculated Euro coins at high prices. No paper money or military related items.

We eventually wound up in Venice with its canals and St. Mark's Cathedral and the Doge's palace. While avoiding the multitude of pigeons in the square I found myself in front of another stamp dealer's shop. I expected to find stamps but to my surprise on display was a set of Italian AMC! The set contained the one, two, five and ten lira notes in uncirculated condition priced at 90 Euros. The set also contained, priced separately at 130 Euros, a 100 lira note, series 1943A. The notes were not replacements so I could not account for the high pricing. I ventured inside and while I waited for a customer to finish with the owner, I noticed a complete set of Italian Allied Military Government stamps in mint condition for 8 Euros. I already have a mint set so I passed on another even though I thought the price reasonable. I asked the owner if he had any other AMC and he produced a binder with two 1000 lira notes. Both were series 1943; one, priced at 840 Euros was in uncirculated condition and the other, which was listed as UNC, appeared to be AU and was listed at 800 Euros. The notes were nice but at over \$1000 each were, in my opinion, overpriced. In the same binder were some Italian notes from 1944 and I bought a 100 Lira Banca d'Italia note (Pick 75) in XF+ for \$30.

A short plane ride found us back in Rome for two days on our own. I thought about taking the train to Cassino to visit the museum but was told there was a very good chance it would be closed on Mondays. To

that my wife told me we would just have to come back again. Rome is built on seven hills and for two days we walked up all fourteen of them seeing the ruins of ancient Rome and all the while looking for another coin of stamp dealer. Again I had no luck but we did find some nice cheese, some great wine and, of course, some olive oil. I wanted to bring back a 5 Euro note as a souvenir and discovered that they must be printed wrinkled and creased. An uncirculated example could not be found despite asking at banks and money exchanges. All things considered it was a great trip and the food wasn't too shabby either.

Championship Question Corner

Question: Question Question 166, difficulty 2. Upon what event was the name Free French to Fighting French?

Yesterday's Question 165, difficulty 2. What Military Fest Certificate features a chess theme? The answer is MFC Series 062 \$3.

Question: Kathy Myers answered: No answers were received from the field (or we lost them).

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Editorial

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I have had many things to report, but I am drawing a blank at the moment. As you will see in the letters section, we continue to have delivery problems. I am frustrated about this, but cannot think of anything else to do at the moment.

One research matter has been giving me many problems. It is US Series F (and G) bonds. Both of these are very scarce making it difficult to research them in detail. My mind it a bit frail also contributing to the problem. The basic question is: do Series F bonds exist with Defense and/or War legends? They certainly exist without the legends even though the space seems to be there for the legend and other indicators, well, indicate, that the legends should be there. However, it is very hard to accept the notion that the several example seen without the legends are errors. Recently, I found on my (computer) desktop some scans (I think from Jim Downey) of an application for Series F bonds. The application specifically states: ...for Series F War Bonds. This may seem like a small point, but it is one that

we simply must nail down for a planned (hoped for) book on US war bonds and certainly for the second edition of Remembered.

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Dear Editor and company clerk who is wise in all these things.

When you have to crawl and grovel, do it in style!

My sincere apologies for ommitting the prewarning re
the First Australian Minifest in Melbourne.
We will know better next time.
I have since fixed up Doug and Al with scans and we
have received the first emails re possible extras from
the certificate issue.
As stated before the YN's will get first shot at the
ANA auction next year
when the Australian contingent arrives in town
(Colorado)with any extras. they are going in bank safe
custody until then.
It had better be good if its to beat vegemite
auction prices!! No one in Australia can believe that
Americans would pay a total of nearly 700\$ for a \$3.50
tube of a substance that is such an acquired taste.
Maybe that is the Australian's secret weapon!.

regards Tony James

Dear Tony,
Battalion clerk and don't you forget it!

Editor

Fred,

Obviously you have never heard of abebooks.com This
is THE PLACE to find books. They have MANY copies of
Volume 1 for sale.

Ken Berger

Dear Sir,
That is a very good suggetion. I ordered a matched
pair of first and second volumes having previously
ordered a third volume.

Editor

Dear Gram,
Just purchased a 1d and 3d Lautoka (Fiji) Hotel
cardboard tokens dated 1942. Will send scans when I get 'em - and buy myself a
new scanner.

kerry

Dear Gram,
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Geroge Slade

Dear Editor,
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JJS

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New pogs and new printers

by Joe Boling

Remember back in June a couple of us mentioned that AAFES was having a photo contest for subjects for the next series of AAFES pogs? In this week's Army Times some results of that contest were announced. Of the twelve photos selected as pog subjects, six are of children (the article was not clear about whether these are all kids of service members, or if some might be kids in Iraq or elsewhere). The one photo illustrating the article is titled "Baby Colin in helmet." Colin was six days old when the photo was made, by his father, SFC Chad Johnson of Lawton, Oklahoma. Colin fits completely into the helmet, save for his head, resting on the helmet's rim. Louise noted that babies can fold up pretty small. Nothing was said about when these pogs will be available, and I could find nothing about them at the AAFES web site (not even a mention of the contest). Into my hands this week comes (on loan) a copy of a

14 March 1945 press release from the Treasury Department (Press Service No.45-45) titled "Statement of the Treasury Department on Invasion Currency." The release is nine pages long and goes into some detail about both dollars and foreign currencies used by soldiers operating outside the US. Fred tells me that this has been mentioned in the Gram before, and was even published in The Numismatist back when it was current. There aren't many facts in this release that look new (though some of the inferences will be discussed in future columns) but this one was new to me. I was stopped short by the following comment (on page 6, in a discussion of liberation currencies for Allied nations being re-entered): "Netherlands currency was printed privately in Canada at the order of the Netherlands Government-in-Exile...." SB mentions Netherlands liberation notes printed by only ABNC, de la Rue, and Waterlow. Did one of these companies have a plant operating in Canada? Did one of these companies subcontract some note printing to a Canadian firm whose imprint was not used on the notes? The press release states correctly that Luxembuorg liberation notes were printed in the US and Britain, and that Belgian notes were printed in the UK. Only one nation is mentioned for the Netherlands, and it is not one that we associate with their currency. Anyone know what's behind this statement?

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Question: Kathy Myers answered: Upon what event was the name Free French to Fighting French? Glad to see the gram back...I'm not sure I understand the question

being asked, but here's my stab at it. I believe the origin of the French resistance movement, the Fighting French, was the so called radio broadcast "Appeal of June 18th" (1940) by Charles de Gaulle from London, where he urged the French to fight for liberation from German control after the collapse of the French government at the Battle of France. P.S. How cold is it in Gramster-ville?? [Well, I do not know if I should laugh or cry. The answer that I was looking for was in the editorial in Gram 1510. Here is what I said <On page 69 Root (Waverly) describes how the underground movements in France gave their loyalty to the general (DeGualle) and the name was changed in recognition of this fact because those fighters in France were not at all free, but they were indeed fighting. I am very pleased to learn this. I am going to edit this into the Remembered manuscript yet tonight. PS it is a balmy 40 degrees F.--Ed]

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Editorial

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Many of you know that my collecting disease has spread past military money. It has been a slow spread, but even at a low rate spreading over 40 years will have its toll. True, I am not as sick as Wendell, but sick nonetheless. If you did not know that I collect national bank notes of Ottawa county (home of MPCFest). Basically, the county had three banks: Port Clinton, Oak Harbor, and Elmore. Yesterday I got a phone call from Joe Boling who had spied an interesting note in an advertisement in the Bank Note Reporter. It was for the Ottawa County National Bank! Not only did I not have one of these in my collection, I had never heard of it! I scraped together some "money" on some credit cards and placed the order. It will certainly go very nicely in my collection. I expect to really turn the heads of some local collectors with this one! Now for the rest of the story. Yes, it is the Ottawa County National Bank, but it was in Miami Oklahoma! I still think that it will look great in my collection!

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Dear Editor,

I don't believe in pre-judging an election! None-the-less, add my vote for Wendell Wolka, as one of the next ANA Governors.

I read with interest and amusement, the account of Joe moving his big safe from the cold Northwest to the warm midwest. The Seattle Theatre article detailed Joe's deep passion at his approach to the move. Then Joe, himself detailed his first attempt to push the safe into the warm house. It took a second attempt, with a lot of sweat and more pushing to finally, with his car, plunge the object into the warmth of the house. He also related his exhausted satisfaction with the final act.

I think that Joe has given a whole new meaning to the phrase "safe sex."

David Klinger

Dear Dave,
Thank you for the great letters. I am sorry that they were delayed so long (I combined them to make the one letter above). Among the many other problems, it would be best if letters etc for the Gram were sent to MPCGram@yahoo.com instead of one of my other email addresses. I wish that I had been smart enough to create one good address for everything, but I did not. Even if I tried now, I still am not good enough at managing the technology (not to mention time, energy etc.) to do that.

Editor

Dear Editor,
Re: The James Boy and his predilections. Our news media are busy warning prospective travellers that Vegemite is illegal in the US. The FDA don't approve of it given that it contains folate. It is now seized at the border along with similar illegal substances. Of course, no self-respecting Kiwi would be found with such items.

kerry

Dear Kerry,
The various governments have gotten together to spoil a good thing. Vegemite is a great product. Somehow some perverts started using it as a food substitute. It is an industrial adhesive and engine lubricant. It works great in its intended role. Aside to Wendell, I think that Gramsters deserve a Veggie update. It is rude to use these inside stories although based upon the treatment of question 166 above, it is altogether possible (likely?) that no one is paying attention anyway.

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Wedding Notes Issued

Souvenir notes will be issued for David Seelye's wedding tomorrow and a sheet of the notes is being sold on ebay to raise money for the scholarship fund. Below is the text from the auction. It includes the appropriate information. The ebay item number is 110049095167 but remember, the auction will not be posted until the moment of the wedding.

Fester, dealer, collector David Seelye was married at 1730 hours on Saturday Oct 28th. A set of four commemorative notes was prepared for the event and distributed to people in attendance. Two uniface uncut sheets were also prepared. One sheet will be autographed by everyone (hopefully) at the wedding and given to David and Judy as a wedding gift from the MPC community. The other sheet is being sold here. It is a one day ONLY auction that starts at precisely the moment that the ceremony begins--1730. Now to make things better, 100% of the realized price will be donated to the scholarship fund by the same MPC community so bid early and bid often. Finally, 100

notes were prepared making 25 sheets (serial numbers ranging from 1-39 (the discrepancy being because of spoilage (no replacements reported))). IF any notes are not issued, they will be sold in a similar scholarship auction next week (probably starting at 1730 on the one-week anniversary).

This link might get you directly to the sheet:

<http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=110049095167#ebayphotohosting>

Japanese Occupation of the Philippines

by Chick Parsons with the aid of Jim Downey

Charles Chick Parsons is one of the forgotten heroes of World War II in the Pacific. At the outbreak of the war, Parsons wore many hats. He was an American businessman, the owner of the Luzon Stevedoring Company. He served as the Consul for the country of Panama in the Philippines. He was also a lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve.

Claiming diplomatic privilege as Panamanian Consul to the Philippines, Parsons avoided internment for himself and his family by the Japanese when foreign nationals were rounded up in January 1942. With the assistance of the Swedish Consul, Parsons and his family were repatriated from the Philippines in June 1942. They traveled first to Shanghai, then to Mozambique and left Mozambique on board the Swedish vessel MS Gripsholm in late July 1942.

Because of his knowledge of and contacts in the Philippines, Parsons was assigned to MacArthur's staff in Australia. He established an intelligence network in the Philippines and coordinated the submarine supply operations that brought supplies to the Philippine guerrillas. His activities in the Philippines earned Parsons the Navy Cross and personal accolades from MacArthur who referred to Parsons as the bravest man he had ever known.

Parsons authored at least two reports relating to his time in the Philippines. The first was aboard the Gripsholm and described conditions in the Philippines up to the time of his departure. The other report was written in 1943 after he spent four months in the Philippines visiting the guerrilla forces. Both reports contain significant information relating to money and banking matters. The following information is taken from the report written aboard the Gripsholm. The bracketed portions of the selections are either my editorial comments or those of Parsons' son, Peter Parsons, who made the report available.

During the month of December, the banks in Manila were instructed to send their cash funds and bullion to the Insular Treasurer, or on the Philippine National Banks clearing house, with a view to removing from Manila (to Corregidor, it was later learned) all surplus funds and thus preventing these funds falling into enemy hands. [Parsons himself was involved, through Luzon Stevedoring Co. and its tugs and barges, in the removal of the governments silver coins and dumping them in deep water near Corregidor. PP]

When the Japanese forces entered Manila and found that the banks were without funds, they were at loss as to what steps to take to reopen the banks and reestablish normal conditions in the local business community. Although most of the funds of the banks were removed from Manila, it is understood that for some reason or other there remained some fifteen million pesos in the Insular Treasury which were confiscated by the Japanese authorities, and I heard (not confirmed) that this money was turned over to the two Japanese banks (Yokohama Specie Bank and Taiwan Bank) in order to permit their reopening.

About the middle of January the Japanese authorities permitted the reopening of (a) the Philippine Governments Bank, the Philippine National Bank; (b) the Bank of the Philippine Islands; and (c) the Philippine Bank of Commerce (all Filipino owned and controlled). In order to make possible these re-openings, the Japanese finance administration loaned to the banks in question an estimated total of twenty-five million pesos (all in military peso currency).

The banks upon reopening were ordered to maintain a carefully frozen status of all deposits, limiting Filipino and neutral withdrawals to 500 pesos per month per company, or family; and 200 pesos per month per family for belligerents. Larger amounts could be withdrawn upon application for license to do so, provided the reasons were considered satisfactory to the Japanese. Mr. Fukuoka, sub-manager of the Yokohama Specie Bank, was the civilian in charge of the issuing of license.

The tendency in the beginning so far as local banking was concerned was withdrawal from current and savings accounts, with practically no deposits. Later, to encourage deposits the Japanese announced that there would be no freezing of funds deposited after the occupation, and as the local merchants had no confidence in the apa (military peso) currency being circulated by the Japanese, the few who were accumulating money started a rush to deposit funds which they had accumulated, with the idea of later withdrawing government pesos when the

Americans returned. They were informed however at the banks that the deposit in apa were being earmarked on the books of the banks, and they would not be entitled to withdrawal later of any other kind of currency. This advice had to be handled delicately, in as much as the Japanese authorities had circulated information that it would be a military offense, subject to severe punishment, for anyone to refuse to receive the military pesos on exactly the same basis as the Government pesos. When merchants found that they were not bettering their financial condition by getting rid of the military pesos through bank deposits, they looked for other means of getting the military pesos out of their possession. In some cases they have bought goods in the hands of looters for later re-sale; have purchased jewelry, household goods, and real estate; retaining for themselves only sufficient funds for their daily needs.

The foreign banks in Manila National City bank of New York, Chartered bank of India, Australia and China, Hong Kong and China Banking Corporation, Dutch Bank, the China Banking Corporation, etc., -- were sealed completely, and have not reopened their doors even for collections. There does not seem any probability of these banks being reopened, and in view of the large amount of funds deposited by Filipinos and neutrals in these banks, the affected depositors feel as though a great injustice has been done them. They have applied to the Japanese authorities, and to the present government of the Philippines, for relief, but as yet nothing has been done.

In addition to the Filipino-owned and controlled banks which have been reopened, and the foreign banks mentioned above as having been sealed, there are in Manila several local banks. These local banks, such as the Philippine Trust Company, Monte de Piedad, Peoples Bank and Trust Company, Banco Hipotecario, etc., wished to reopen and the Japanese apparently wanted them to do so, especially to take care of depositors amongst the Filipinos and neutrals. However, as in the case of the Philippine Trust Company (of which I am a director), lack of cash on hand made it impossible to restart business without being able secure funds. The Philippine Trust Company would have required at least one million pesos in its vaults before it could have opened its doors. It had in its vaults only fifty thousand pesos upon occupation of Manila. The bank is owned by the Archbishop of Manila (an Irish Free State citizen) [Michael J. O'Doherty PP], except for a shortage of funds. The Japanese finance administration at first thought of lending further amounts to the Philippine National Bank. Later, however, this plan was discussed as apparently the Japanese military

authorities disapproved of any plan which called for a more widespread circulation of the military pesos.

It was estimated that up to the end of May 1942, the Japanese had circulated sixty million military pesos in the Philippines, including funds loaned to the new government to cover its budget, loans to the Philippine National Bank, Bank of the Philippines, and Philippine Bank of Commerce to permit these banks to reopen, plus expenditures by the Japanese forces; and in addition to the some fifteen millions of Philippine government notes found in the Insular Treasury and probably turned over to the Japanese banks.

There is apparently no bank clearance in Manila, and checks drawn on one bank are not accepted by another bank for deposit.

An interesting situation existing in the Philippines is a black market business in U. S. dollars, which are bought at a discount against the military peso, sometimes the discount being as high as thirty percent against par (that is, P1.40 being paid for \$1.00 [The pre-war rate was P2.00 to \$1.00. JD]) but the discount is usually ten percent. This is due to it being a Japanese military offense to have American currency in ones possession. A period of time was first given within which to dispose of American currency.

There is also a limited business being done in checks drawn on current account of closed banks, discounts running from around ten percent on checks of banks that have a chance of reopening soon, up to fifty percent on checks draw on the American, British, and Dutch banks. There is much a shortage of funds in the Philippines in general, however, that this type of business is necessarily limited.

Loans, discounted paper, and other forms of banking are not permitted of the banks open for business, except in the case of Japanese banks, which have been permitted to lend funds to Japanese nationals. The banks open for business are limited to deposits and withdrawals in current and savings accounts, and the receipt of payment on accounts outstanding for collection.

Silver currency has disappeared almost entirely from the market, having been displaced by the paper military currency. [See note above. PP] The denominations of the paper currency were one centavo, five centavos, ten centavos, twenty centavos, fifty centavos, one peso, two pesos, five pesos, ten, and twenty pesos. [If Parsons is referring to the Japanese Military Peso, the mention of a two peso and

twenty peso note is obviously incorrect as no such notes were issued by the Japanese. JD] It is not believed that larger denominations than twenty-peso bills have been issued. The quality of the paper on which the military currency has been printed or lithographed is very poor, and money becomes useless very soon (especially in the centavo denominations). Up to the time of my departure from the Islands, no provisions had been made for exchanging damaged or worn-out currency.

Championship Question Corner

Question 167, difficulty 2: What was the highest and lowest denomination Japanese invasion pesos?
Yesterday's Apparently no question in 1512, [sorry. I guess I was too busy throwing barbs at Kathy Myers. Sorry for that too.--Ed.]

Question: Kathy Myers wrote: All I have to say is how quickly the old brain forgets. Gee, that was all of 10 days ago that I read about your book shopping expedition, and I did find that bit of info of interest, too - though obviously not enough to remember reading it there! Sorry about that. Guess I'll have to start taking notes on the gram!?

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Editorial

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Has anyone yet seen the movie Flags of Our Fathers? I read the book and liked it. I have seen some advertisements during the world series that really got my attention. The very first action scene in the advertisement is a poker game with money visible on the table! Probably we will not be able to completely study the money until the DVD version is released, nonetheless, we would like a review of the movie for the Gram with special attention of course to numismatic connections.

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Dear Esteemed Editor,

I was going to only write about our good friend Larry and wish him and his son with the St. Louis Cardinals good luck in the World Series, but, luckily, something military appeared in my email and I am able to wish them luck and not break the stringent rules of the Gram.

At <http://www.Lockdales.com/AuctionCatalogue.htm> there are lots in this auction which will be of interest to many Gramsters. The one financial instrument lot is at 924 and it is identified as "military token paper." But there are other lots under Bulk, Militaria and Postcards, but many other sections have lots which could be of interest to Gramsters, so I would suggest reviewing all of them.

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Wedding Notes Issued

The deed is done. The new Seelye partnership has been created. According to plan the wedding notes were issued. One note was placed at random at each plate.

Most guests were befuddled by the notes. That was too bad because it made them easy marks for David Seelye who went out of his way to find notes for his collection.

Also as planned a specimen sheet was circulated and signatures of everyone were added to the sheet which was quite impressive when completed.

Today, the ebay auction of the uncut specimen sheet for the benefit of the scholarship fund (see story below) ended with Al Glaser winning at over \$130. Here is a link to the auction:

<http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&ih=001&sspagename=STRK%3AMESO%3AIT&viewitem=&item=110049095167&rd=1&rd=1>

If the link does not work, here is the item number:
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REPORT ON ANA SUMMER SEMINAR II JULY 8-13, 2006
MILITARY NUMISMATICS BASIC CLASS FRED SCHWAN AND JOE BOLING, INSTRUCTORS
by Kathy Freeland

Private Freeland reporting for duty! These were the first words I thought I'd be saying as I reported for my first class in Military Numismatics. Having been to three of the Port Clinton Fests held in March with my husband Dan and about 60 other military men, I had some knowledge of the military community and the types of interests they had in all things numismatic. However, I had little idea what would transpire this week!

As the only recipient of the Military scholarship sponsored by the military community that gathers at Port Clinton, this was to prove to be an exciting and busy week. The week of classes began on Sunday afternoon, July 9, at 1:00 p.m. However, my week started the day before as Instructor Fred Schwan gave me orders to assume the position of Canteen Officer. So, before class began, I was out buying pop and water for the class, a position I would carry out for the rest of the week.

DAY ONE

This class is enjoyable for a number of reasons, but the reenactments in which all students are required to perform help make the class seem almost like regular military duty. With Bill Myers from Georgia acting as paymaster, all of us were required to report for pay. As a novice in this exercise, I required lots of helping saluting the correct way. I'm still not sure I have it down! I do wish I'd had someone take a picture of my inability to salute and the subsequent efforts to assist me in the correct posture or maybe not! We received a ration card which was given to each member upon an introduction to the class about who we were, why we were interested in

military numismatics and what brought us to this class! There were 7 basic students, including a YN, and 4 advanced students in this class, and they brought about a wonderful mix of questions and knowledge sure to benefit anyone who was interested in the subject of World War II. All students were issued a paybook, and then the fun began! We had to salute, present ourselves for pay, receive our pay, count it out, and then salute again before retreating to the back of the line. Our pay was in lire, although not the real stuff! Fred gave us Allied Fiest Certificates, ranging from 1 lira to 2, 5, 10, 20 and 40 lire. As a former elementary school teacher and now media specialist, I have learned that if I ask the Sdumb? questions, someone else in the class will need the same information, so of course my first question was SWhat's the difference between lira and lire?? Answer lira is singular, lire is plural.

Once pay was issued, Fred put a chart on the board indicating the cost of numerous items that you needed for class. You were required to purchase a copy of the 3 main books for the class World War II Remembered for 110 lire, Military Payment Certificates for 85 lire and Yarwood for 20 lire. I checked them out from the ANA Library because Dan and I already owned a set, so this wasn't a cost I had to pay. You were also given the "opportunity" to buy a \$70 bond with \$60 of your fust dollars which would help fund the war effort.

Of course, as canteen officer, chit books were my department. For 20 lire, students could buy books which contained small pieces of paper called chits for their drinks. The amounts in the chit books ranged from 5 cents to 80 cents. Drinks were 50 cents each, and a box was made available for depositing your chits in exchange for your water or pop. With water in short supply this week from the ANA, most of the water was used before class was concluded on Thursday, in addition to lots of caffeinated pop to stay awake! One of the more interesting things to watch for was the rate of inflation on our money. As class began, \$1 = 1.7 lire. As the week progressed, we watched it fall from 1.7 to to \$1 = 3.75 lire. The following chart shows the conversion rates:

\$1	=	1.70	lire	7-091300
\$1	=	2.00	lire	7-100900
\$1	=	2.18	lire	7-101300
\$1	=	2.44	lire	7-101400
\$1	=	3.00	lire	7-110900
\$1	=	3.25	lire	7-11 1300
\$1	=	3.35	lire	7-111400
\$1	=	3.50	lire	7-120900
\$1	=	3.60	lire	7-121315
\$1	=	3.75	lire	7-121400
Trading suspended 7-13				

The rest of the afternoon was spent learning about paper money. Fred has an interesting approach to currency. His definition states that currency is all money including paper money and coinage. {Readers, if your research indicates otherwise, we want (need) to hear from you. --Ed.} So, with that in mind, we discussed terminology used in notes. There are different kinds of notes:

- 1 Notes for issue (completed notes)
- 2 Specimen notes (will have a fantasy serial number most common is all 000s)
- 3 Replacement notes, of which there are 2 kinds
 - a Make-ups recreate the same serial numbers (American Bank Note Company did this)
 - b Substitutions Star Notes (Zs or Xs at front and back of serial number)

We also discussed how banknotes are manufactured. There are again 3 ways.

- 1 Intaglio = engraving the design is recessed into the plate. This is currently what is done at the BEP.
- 2 Offset = lithography
- 3 Letter press (rubber stamp technology)

Next up for discussion was the type of paper used for notes. We talked about

- 1 Security paper with silk threads woven throughout,
- 2 Holograms, and
- 3 Watermarks.

We then had the opportunity to see Hawaii and North Africa notes, the first issued after we went to war.

DAY TWO

Each day, the advanced students joined us first thing in the morning for orders and information. We all watched as the rate of inflation kept climbing, prompting us to wonder when a conversion would take place. However, today would not be the day.

We spent all day Monday discussing different types of Allied Military Currency, the notes issued to the soldiers before we entered a particular country. They were designed as supplemental currency; in other words, they were supposed to be used by the soldiers and the local population in addition to the regular coins and currency.

Of course, the class wouldn't be nearly as good without Fred's stories. He entertained us with a number of them throughout the session, but stopped to tell us about the most important note of the war the 2 French franc with the flag back. He is convinced that this little note will be one of the most important in history because every Allied soldier carried it into battle in France, and many are known to exist so the story about that part of the war can continue to the grandchildren of these military

persons.

DAY THREE

Tuesday morning started the study of Military Payment Certificates. According to the Comprehensive Catalog of Military Payment Certificates, written by Fred Schwan (our mighty instructor) MPC was to be used by soldiers only, instead of the supplemental currency that was currently being used and abused. These were basically used after the war was over. All monies had to go through a finance office, which would reduce the problem of the black market and soldiers having more money to convert than was anticipated. However, it wasn't accepted by some of the war departments as there were places that weren't having difficulties with black market activity. Conversion to A yen was begun on July 19, 1946 in Japan and was successful immediately. Conversion day in Europe was September 16, 1946. Even later, on September 30, 1946, a second conversion was instituted in the Pacific, although this conversion was largely handled like any other pay, due to the success on July 19. It was determined after all conversions were accomplished, that almost \$531 million dollars in overdrafts were handled during the conversion, \$271 million of which were in German marks!

At least 21 countries used MPC, and there is now documentation showing at least 7 other countries. The numbers given to each printing of notes shows the year it was printed, and which issue it was. For example, in 1947, there were 2 printings of MPC.

We spent most of the morning looking at slides showing the various examples of MPC and discussing multiple printings and replacement notes. One of the most interesting items to observe is the beautiful artwork on the notes. Notes had nice vignettes, ranging from beautiful women to soldiers to aircraft and everything else in between. Most of them were printed using lithography, and at the beginning there were 4 different printers making MPC. These were the BEP, Forbes, Stecher-Traung, and Tudor Press, although eventually all printing was done by the BEP. We also received travel pay that morning. It was paid in lire, and each person received 310 lire in Series 1944a Allied Fests Certificates.

Tuesday afternoon the lire continued to slide on a downward spiral. The rate of conversion after lunch was \$1=3.25 lire. It was rumored that we might actually see a conversion soon, but no one knew when that would be!

We continued to discuss the war after lunch, focusing on Occupied Germany. Stories were told of Barter stores, conceived by the wives of two famous army generals, where the German people could take goods to the store for appraisal and exchange. The owner was paid in Sstore money? known as barter

units, in denominations of 1, 5, 10, 25, 50 and 100 units. This money could then be used in the store to purchase needed goods and food. The units were printed on surplus map paper by a local printer in both Berlin and Frankfurt. Four series of barter units were printed, and brought in \$32,500 in MPC and 40,000 marks profit. When the stores closed in October 1948, the monies were turned over to the German Youth Association so there would be no question as to the intent of the stores. We also learned about taxi tickets, import travellers' coupons and other items important to the German occupation. We also discussed Occupied Japan, focusing on provisional currency, emergency specimen notes, and the 1946 currency reform.

DAY FOUR

Each day I continued to do my canteen officer job, walking to the local gas station for ice and other supplies. The students in the class were doing a fine job of using their chits to purchase the goods I had available, and always paid for their purchases. The exchange rate this morning had gone up to \$1 = 3.50 lire. We would continue to watch the rise of inflation with alarm, powerless to change anything! My husband Dan had a bit of a surprise for me this morning when I got to class. This was my birthday, and we had decided to celebrate when we got home from Colorado. However, he had other thoughts in mind. A story had been circulating concerning the political situation of the ANA, and Fred asked me to read it, which I did. When I went to sit down, however, he told me to stay standing while the rest of the class sang Happy Birthday. I believe my face was as red as a beet at this spectacle! However, it was a nice surprise! Instructor Joe Boling spent the morning with us discussing the War in the Pacific. He had a slide of a wonderful map, which for those of us who are geographically challenged did much to help us see exactly where the war took place in the Pacific. It is absolutely amazing to me that so much warfare took place on a group of small islands, and that they would be so fiercely loyal to their country that they would die for it! I do wonder if any of us would feel the same way!

We discussed Japanese Specimen Money, and then led into JIM Japanese Invasion Money. This was money given to the Japanese soldiers when they invaded different parts of the east. There were notes for Malaya, Oceania, Burma, East Indies, and the Philippine Islands. Discussion was held on many different aspects leading up to the War in the Pacific, as well as the Occupation by the Americans from 1945-1951.

Wednesday afternoon we had show and tell, begun by one of the advanced students, Warner Talso. Warner was

our bond chairman, and he encouraged all to buy a bond to finance the war. He discussed different aspects of these bonds, and how all countries involved in World War II had bond sales. Different countries took different angles to pay for the war effort. Germany had a lottery system where you bought lottery tickets to fund the war. Millions of Germans bought these lottery tickets as a way to fund the war.

The Americans also had bonds, and the picture below shows one of these bonds. There were 3 series of bonds

E, F, and G. If you were a U.S. citizen, you could spend \$25.00 up to \$10,000 for a bond. Since soldiers were encouraged to support the war effort, a \$10 bond was created for their purchase only, since generally they couldn't afford anything more than that. To solve the problem about what to do with all the unpaid leave the soldiers had accrued, they were paid in US armed forces leave bonds.

Dan talked about Canadian war savings certificates, and Fred Schwan talked about Canadian victory loan bonds, both vital issues in the Canadian war effort.

DAY FIVE

On Thursday morning, conversion of our money finally took place. The lira was valued at \$1 = 3.75 lire, and trading in lire was suspended. Students had to sign and date any lire they wanted to convert into fest dollars. Students then received Military Fest Certificates Series 062 which were counterstamped with ANA in green and ANA Summer Seminar 2006 in blue. Because I have a background in music, I had helped share some popular songs from the World War I and World War II era from a couple of books put out for soldiers in the wars. They appear below. We even practiced a couple of songs so we could perform at the evening banquet! We then spent the rest of the morning discussing numismatic issues of Nazi Germany, accompanied by a visit from Ken Bressett and lots of photo opportunities!

On Thursday afternoon, David Schenkman came to our class to discuss Sutler tokens, "money" used by the Civil War soldiers to purchase goods from a sutler (a store owner who traveled with the soldiers to sell them the things they needed).

One opportunity that these classes afford is the chance to meet other people from very diverse backgrounds, as well as experts in their field. That fact was especially true with this class. Not only did we have people like myself with virtually no military background, we had a commander of a Naval submarine as one of the advanced students, several people who had served in Vietnam, a current soldier who was going back to Iraq in September, and a soldier (now book/military numismatics dealer) from Australia. Yet all were there to share their experiences and to help enrich the class.

In addition, the advanced students gave their presentations which had taken up the bulk of their time during the week of classes. David Klinger (the naval submarine commander) and Tony James (the gentleman from Australia) shared parallel research they had been doing. When they finished, we adjourned the class, promising to sit together at the banquet that night. When Joe and Fred were called to get their instructor certificates, we tried to sing "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here", but where we succeeded in volume, we lacked in tone! Oh, well, I guess our hearts were in the right place even if our voices weren't!

Championship Question Corner

Question 168, difficulty 3: What is the highest denomination Indian Defense Savings Certificate?

Yesterday's 167, difficulty 2: What was the highest and lowest denomination Japanese invasion pesos?

Question: Kathy Myers wrote: Re: the question - There are fractional JIM from the Philippines, but as far as pesos, the lowest denom. would be the 1 peso and there are known notes up to the 1,000 peso in the Inflation Series. Bill Myers wrote: The lowest JIM denomination for the Philippines pesos is 1 peso and the highest is 1000 pesos. There were also 1, 5, 10 & 50 centavo notes, and 5, 10, 100, 500 pesos notes.

Mike Payton wrote: The answer to your current question in the Gram, a very easy one for an avid JIM collector, The Japanese issued notes from 1 centavo to 1,000 pesos in the Philippines.

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Editorial

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I rented a tie for the whole weekend and Judy and I crashed the Seelye wedding. It was indeed a grand affair. I had to restrain myself. When David turned to see his bride walking down the isle, I wanted to hold out a challenge coin in a Statue of Liberty pose. I had another chance when the new married couple walked back down the isle. Somehow, I held back. David, to his credit, challenged Judy when she went through the receiving line before me (I was distributing wedding notes). She failed, but convinced David that my coin would have to count for both of us. He seems to have been in a generous mood.

Speaking of generous. Al Glaser was certainly generous in purchasing the Seelye sheet for \$130. Yes, we must start raising money for 2007 (and 8 for that matter). We had a very nice time at the wedding. Oh yes, David and I even managed to conduct a little numismatic business at the reception. You did not expect anything less did you?!

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Editor,

Congratulations to David! Glad I got married before my husband's interest in Military Currency, though. Sounds like an interesting day is planned. Hope all goes well.

By the by, have there ever been any dives near Corregidor? Maybe David should consider that for a honeymoon trip??

Kathy Myers

Dear Editor,

Ouch I feel a little hurt, did I not buy enough stuff, to help clean out the black hole, or was it because I said after three years of Carlson, that I would like to try a new roommate. There was no news on the dates for the fest, so in my letter with my first payment to you I said I could come any time except for 22-24. Lo and behold the next week fest is announced for that very same weekend. I know that whatever time you pick will not work for everyone, and so for I have been lucky and thought I would be this time also. That weekend is the annual convention for Pre-Paid Legal which is being held in Ada OK, so now I have a big decision to make. I was going to send in my money for the fest with my next payment to you, but now I need to wait. I was also going to send in \$150.00 and suggest you raise it to that since it has been the same for so long. That way there might be enough money to pay Travel Pay this year!!!! Also to help get a early count and to motivate those like me who procrastinate, offer a \$10.00 discount or an extra \$20.00 in MFC for those who prepay by a certain date. I have started to review the book on bonds you gave me to look at and plan to complete it by the end of Nov. I know it's my problem and I really want to come to fest but I am going to have to struggle with this decision for awhile. With my track record I will probably make up my mind by April. I am not sure why Barbara picked me for the article but thank for your input.

Robert

PS thanks a lot, now you have me collecting bonds also, and I don't have anything I collect complete yet.

Dear Robert,

Let me get this right, Ada, Oklahoma or Port Clinton, Ohio? Robert, we are talking about the FEST here--not some mini Fest. We will expect to see you here!

Editor

Dear Editor,

What happened? Has my subscription expired? I

have not received any Grams after 1509!

Roger Urce

Dear Editor,

I wanted to comment on the excellent article by Chick Parsons. It was very educational and interesting.

As an addendum to that article I would like to submit the following:

Philippine collector, author, and researcher, C. M Nielsen has spent considerable time in the National Archives researching WWII numismatic and syngraphic material from the Philippines. He found there proclamations from the Philippine Government concerning currency notes of the Philippine National Bank that were looted and spent by the Japanese when several branches of the PNB were captured. Neil was able to document the serial number ranges of these "unofficially issued" notes. One note, the 1920 50 peso note is noted in Pick SCWPM, Pick no. 49; serials 90001 to 1000 as having been issued by the Japanese. In addition, 5 and 10 peso notes of 1916; 5 peso notes of series 1921; and 5, 10 and 20 peso notes of series 1937 were also "issued" by the Japanese. After the liberation the Philippine Government declared these notes as worthless and not redeemable. I am not at liberty to give out the serial ranges of these notes. This information belongs to Niel, and I must respect his wishes. Someday I will be able to share this information with the collecting community. This does explain why so many of these early notes are found in high grade.

Mike Payton

Dear Gram,

Haven't received a gram in at least a month, didn't know about Howard's illness or much of anything else happening; please reinstall my email address to your list or else I'll have to cancel my subscription! Thanx a heap- Neil

Dear Neil,

It is your AOL address that is cheating you out of the Gram. It is hard to know how many other subscribers are also being cheated.

Editor

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Dear Ed,

Latest warning to travellers from Down Under is that any Vegemite secreted about their persons when heading stateside will be confiscated BEFORE they get on the plane. The Security Powers That Be have declared it to be a deeply suspicious gel-like substance that could all to

easily be used with nefarious intent. Given its opaque nature they were also concerned that it could be used to conceal even more hazardous materials. At least that stops any hassles with custom authroities for Tony at the other end.

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Crunching the Numbers

by Joe Boling

Well, it's Halloween. I figured I might have a slightly different kid count here than I have had for the past 13 years. In Federal Way I averaged about 0.2 visits per year - that's right, every four or five years one kid or two siblings would knock on my door. The street was populated with retirees, and very few kids. This year I bought three bags of candy and was ready for 50-60 visitors. Forty-seven actually showed up, ranging from not-yet-walking infants to kids as tall as I, deep in their teens (some of them were technically escorts for their younger siblings, but they were also costumed and carrying booty bags). I gave each kid a choice between candy and an old coin (without showing what kind of coin I was talking about). Twenty one elected to receive the coin. I had three rolls of 1975-76 bicentennial halves. Not many of the kids even recognized a half-dollar, but several were obviously very tickled to have received one (and a couple of the parents as well). Maybe I inspired some numismatists tonight. In today's email came notice of Noble Numismatics Pty

Ltd auction #83, 23-24 November. They have only three lots in their "military items" classification - lot 3028 is a Queensland 2/6 Postal Note payable to Australian Army Canteens Services, dated 1 SF 44 (what's SF - maybe a bad impression of SP for September?). The estimate is A\$250 - seems cheap to me. See it at

http://www.noble.com.au/auctions/view_lot.php?sale=83&lot_id=189923&results=25&sort=lot%20ASC&category=2906&page=1&img=y&kw=

Lot 3029 contains two very plain chits from the HMAS Watson (are you listening, Sparky?) wardroom mess, 1c and 5c (thus post-decimalization), plus a Royal Australian Army Pay Corps \$10 decimalization training note, all with an estimate of A\$100. See one piece at

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Lot 3027 contains war savings certificates, savings stamps, specimen travelers checks, and other stuff that I can't figure out because they list about 23

pieces and claim the lot is only seven pieces deep. Elsewhere are some JIM and other WWII-related lots, not very well described. There are also 226 lots of militaria (medals, badges, plaques, uniforms, blades, diaries, and so forth), and 29 lots of military literature. Check it out. DON'T FORGET - housewarming and minifest at the Bolings' new digs in Indianapolis, 11 November 2006, 1600-2000. So far I have received only one firm "I'll be there," and that was before the date got moved (please reconfirm, Brett). The battalion clerk is hard at work devising some form of recognition for this party - be here to partake. Email me at joeboling@aol.com and I'll send you directions to the camp. *****

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Those of you who have attended the ANA summer seminar military course, have heard my odd couple introduction. Yes, Joe and I are the odd couple. His column here manifests that difference. I hardly know that it is Tue and certainly had forgotten that today is November (hence yesteday) Haloween and Joe not only knows how many kids visited his house yesterday, but how many over the decades! Joe, what is the standard deviation of mean kid visits by decade? OK, I do not even know what that means. I think that it was a cool idea to give the choice of a coin, but I am a little taken aback by the choice. First and foremost fifty cents--wow. Joe, expect your numbers to skyrocket next year! I should have put on a costume. Hm, what would be a better choice. Certainly a piece of JIM or BAFSV or world coin would be good items. Good job Joe!

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Dear Editor:

I read Kathy Freeland's report on the Military Numismatics Class at Summer Seminar with great interest. Kathy did a superb job of describing the course and setting the tone. The point of view of a new-comer was very refreshing. The article was very well done.

I do have two comments. First, Kathy said "Our pay was in lire, although not the real stuff!" I was stunned by this comment! Not real?? Not real! One could use MF lire to buy books, buy drinks for the canteen, and buy goods and services from other class

members, seminarians, and festers. It could also be converted to the current series MFC which could be spent at Fest 8 or additional things. To top that off numismats were seeking examples for their collections. If that isn't "real money", I don't know what is.

Kathy also mentioned that I am the Fest Bond Chair and I "encouraged all to buy a bond to finance the war." True, to a point. In today's political climate that may or may not be seen as an appropriate statement. To be perfectly clear, Military Fest Bonds are sold to promote world peace, promote the study and collecting of military numismatica, and for the amusement of collectors. Purchase of Bonds directly affects the integrity and stability of the MFC currency system. Further, it has been speculated that world financiers watch the Military Fest Bond interest rates as an indicator of the world economy. It is the patriotic duty of all Festers and Seminarians to buy MF Bonds. Again, I do not wish to detract from Kathy's fine account, just want to clarify two points.

Warner

Dear Warner,

We are delighted to read that you are starting your column again!

Editor

Dear Gram,

Just received Bill's copy of the Numismatist and just wanted to comment on the nice profile of Robert Drew. Enjoyed reading about a Fester and the collection of military related numismatics!...By the by, made me wonder - am I "illegally" responding to gram questions, etc. since I am not a fester and read a "borrowed" copy of the gram? Maybe I should spring for my own subscription??

Kathy Myers

Dear Katchy,

The only rule that we have is that there are no rules. We sometimes have Gramsters complaining when they receive two (or more) Grams, so it seems fitting that we should have two Gramsters using one.

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Fake uncirculated MPC

by Joe Boling

This column was written 8 November and has been modified twice as events continued to unfold while awaiting a gram to be published. I got a small group of MPC for authentication this week. They came from a European auction firm who was not sure about their legitimacy, and originated in Italy. Here is my report back to the inquirer. "The MPC are all genuine, but have been heavily washed and pressed. The embossing of the serials and position numbers has been added after the washing (perhaps while the paper was still wet). The washing has caused the color of the planchettes to run (become diffuse), and it has substantially damaged the colors of the series 471 \$5 note. "That note has also been trimmed to square up its corners, as has the series 481 \$10. The 661 \$20 has been trimmed on its ends, and the 692 \$5 may have been trimmed on at least its left end. "There are obvious folds and surface damage (pressed out) visible on the backs of all of the notes, and there is a spot of heavy abrasion on the face of the 692 \$5 just to the left of the lower right position number. "If you hold the 481 \$10 vertically with the right end up and look at the serials with a glass with light falling across the note from top to bottom, you can see where the mechanical embossing has missed the serials by about one-half millimeter. On all of the notes, the numerals used to emboss the position numbers were not the correct size, and have caused obvious pushing in of the paper beyond the dimensions of the numerals. "On the 471 \$5, the words "series 471" were printed at the same time as the serials and position numbers, and so should show the same degree of embossing as the numerals, but the note doctor has not tried to emboss those characters. "So, they are all good, but deceptively altered (and thus damaged more than if they had simply been left alone)."

The embossing discussed above was added to the notes by setting the same serial number in the same (or a very close) font and pressing it into the paper to simulate uncirculated embossing of serials. The position numbers were also embossed, but the font used was too large for the numerals involved. It is apparent that the note doctor here was trying to turn VF notes into unc-appearing notes. The colors of the 471 \$5 note were severely washed out - it was the appearance of that particular note that first made the auctioneer suspicious of the whole lot. I have never seen planchette colors run like these had - I suspect that there was some kind of chemical in the wash water

that affected the planchettes (and perhaps the colors of the 471 \$5 as well). Following are the serial numbers of the pieces described above: 471 \$5 - B03499576B

481 \$10 - D01048328D

661 \$20 - B01037715B

692 \$5 - E03958132E

Watch out for these - once they are slabbed, they will be a LOT harder to evaluate (watch for fuzzy planchettes in slabbed notes). On 18 November I received an email from CollectPlaza,

a Dutch auction house. The above MPC are listed in an 11 December auction, lots 4476-4479, properly described as washed, pressed, trimmed, and discolored.

If you need an example of a thoroughly doctored note, here's your chance. Best to get these off of the market before someone gets them slabbed. Also in that sale are scrip for troop-carrying

vessels - lots 4155-4156 - with some Winterhulp pieces and Dutch canteen scrip in the preceding few lots, and Dutch ration material following. See also lot 5070 for some Winterhulp ceramic tokens. The link for this sale is www.collectplaza-auctions.com.

Championship Question Corner

Question 170 difficulty 2: Charles Vyner Brooke is on an emergency note for what colony?

Outstanding Questions 169, difficulty 2: What series British Armed Forces Special Vouchers was used exclusively in Berlin.

Question 168, difficulty 3: What is the highest denomination Indian Defense Savings Certificate?

Answers and comments: Question 168: The question corner got really messed up in the delayed Grams. We will try to get it back on course. #169 the 6th Series BAFSVs were used exclusively in Berlin. #168 the highest denomination Indian Defense Savings Certificate is 1000 rupees.

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Is this a new record for delayed Grams? STOP--I really do not want to know. As most of you know, the time just flies and can get out of control. I have had many things that I wanted to discuss. I hope that I can remember at least most of these over the coming days and weeks. It hurt particularly to miss Veterans Day. Not only is 11-11 a special day for Americans (and the world), but it is a very special day for the Gram. It is our official anniversary day--the day when we start a new volume (series). That idea was Brad Peacocks several years ago. No matter how we count them, can you believe that we have started our eighth series. (I think that the idea to call our annual volumes series was also that of Brad Peacock.

On veterans day I read one particularly moving item. According to the article, in the United States there are twelve surviving World War I veterans. We have several important submissions from Joe Boling, Jim Downey and others so I really hope to get the Gram going more regularly again now. In spite of what I just said, please send in your reports, stories, questions, comments--and, yes, even criticisms!

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Dear Editor,
This is an interesting Internet article about Vegemite rationing during WWII.

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By 1942 Vegemite had become a permanent fixture on Australian tables. However, tough times were experienced during World War II when supplies for the civilian market were rationed on a strict per capita basis. This was in order to meet the demand of the Armed Forces.

The company kept Australians aware of why Vegemite was in short supply and continued to promote the healthy virtues of Vegemite, such as the high level of Vitamin B within the spread. Throughout the years of conflict, this message generated immeasurable goodwill for the product. When world peace finally arrived, Australia experienced a post-war baby boom creating a huge new market for Vegemite."

I wonder if there are WWII era Vegemite ration coupons?

You can read more than you ever wanted to know about Vegemite on this web site:

www.vegemite.com.au

David Klinger

Hi Fred:
Is the gram still a viable entity? I haven't seen one in quite some time.
Hope all is well.

Richard

Dear Richard,
AOL has been cheating you and untold others out of their Grams. We do not know how to fight back.

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St Louis Show Report

by Roger Urce

This was my first show in St. Louis and the decision to attend was only made about a month prior to the show. Some research found some foreign paper money dealers would have tables and that coupled with a presentation by Jim Downey and a mini fest made my mind up to attend. Like Memphis the show is in the hotel and the hotel is a free shuttle bus ride from the airport right across the Interstate. About two weeks prior to departure I got a call from a Navy buddy whom I had last seen about 39 years ago on a ship in a river in Asia. As coincidence (fate?) would have it he now lives in St. Louis and we agreed to

meet at the show. (More on that later)

Once on the floor I found about a half dozen dealers with foreign notes and was able to add a number of pieces to my collection including a 1st series BAFSV 1 shilling note (unc), a BAFSV 10 shilling note (vf) and a series 681 \$20 MPC in extremely fine condition. I was also able to find a number of other notes from China, Germany, North Africa and Viet Nam. Also found was a 100 lit Partisan issue from Yugoslavia (SB# 112a - page 444) that I had not seen prior. My surprise find was a Japanese puppet bank 1 Yuan note (vf) from Manchukuo which has been on my want list for a while. Listed in Pick as P-J125 and in SB as #22 (Occupation governments/China - page 665) it features the five color flag of Manchukuo. There are three vertical folds, but the color is bright and the note has an pleasing appearance. Overall I would say there was a very good selection of foreign notes to choose from. In addition there was the opportunity to meet with other Festers and to talk military money share some camaraderie.

At the IBNS meeting, Jim Downey had a presentation on notes with military themes. The notes, all from foreign countries, were not military issues but featured vignettes of various military personnel and equipment. Many of the notes were Notgeld and, as with the other notes shown, commemorated various battles or victories of the issuing countries. Jim had promised a door prize to whomever could guess the thing all notes, save one, had in common. There were a number of guesses all dealing with what was depicted on the notes (male vs female; weapons; hats or no hats on soldiers; Army or Navy) but none of us could come up with the correct answer that all of the notes, except one, was valued under \$10 in uncirculated condition. Consequently the door prize, consisting of the notes used in the presentation, was not won. The presentation was informative and provided an ideal for another method to collect military related currency.

At the mini-fest Jim had specially printed Headquarters Command Barter Units to be distributed to the attendees. Two-hundred serialized notes had been produced, but since there were only eight in attendance, Jim decided to issue five notes to each of us. The notes are in two varieties, one with both the English and German obligations partially blocked out and one with only the English obligation partially blocked out. The notes were dated "Series 2006" and overprinted "FOR USE IN THE ST. LOUIS BARTER STORE ONLY / NOVEMBER 18 2006". Due to errors, seven replacement notes, indicated by the absence of the Greek letter omega at the end of the serial number, were produced. See the attached scans. Upon being issued the notes we were all free to trade or search the un-issued notes for special serial numbers and

varieties provided we each only kept five notes. All un-issued notes were to be destroyed. To get back to my shipmate, Jerry Hyde, we did meet on Friday evening and caught up on life since 1968. We were both assigned to the repair ship USS Askari, which was part of Task Force 17 of the Mobile Riverine Force in the Mekong Delta. As coincidence again would have it, Jack Lippencot was also assigned, as a member of the US 9th Army division, to the same Task Force. The three of us got together and passed around the photos I had brought with me. We all remembered things we had forgotten and had a nice reunion of sorts. I had not met Jack prior to attending my first Fest and it was quite a surprise to learn we were both assigned to the same unit. Jack promises to bring some of his photos to the next Fest and I look forward to seeing them. Jerry was curious as to what we collected and about the show and I showed him some MPC and explained our common interests. He had not saved anything from his time in the Navy and I promised to send him some MPC.

Saint Louis was a great show: I met some current friends, got reacquainted with an old shipmate and found some notes too.

Cohabitation fest notes get limited distribution

by Joe Boling

Only two gramsters attended the cohabitation fest on 11 November at the Bolings' - Ron Wise (with his wife Ivonne) and Brett Irick. Several other (non-gramster) neighbors and Indianapolis friends also came, so we were not lonesome. Each attendee received an envelope of four merchandise notes issued by LouJoe's Trading Post at the Buck Creek ford on the National Road, Territory of Indiana. These notes were prepared from BAFSV second series five pound notes, with the face legends obliterated and new denominations applied: 1/8 keg powder, five pounds lead, three flints, or one axe head - all commodities needed by families arriving in the territory. The notes were hand-dated 11 Nov [18]06. The original (unoverprinted) notes were from a circulated pack of 100 notes, sealed and verified by two Royal Army Pay Corps officers on 10 December 1959 (said pack having been obtained from William Henderson). In the course of preparing the overprints, four notes were spoiled, so a total of 96 notes (twenty-four sets of four) were prepared, each denomination being re-numbered from 000001 to 000024. Sets #7, 8, and 11 were pulled for archival purposes. The remaining notes were randomized and placed into envelopes that were distributed to those attending the fest. Twelve envelopes remained undistributed at the end of

the event. One envelope will be reserved for the FestAte scholarship auction - the remaining eleven are available at \$10 each (in cash Federal money or local notes from Ohio, Indiana, or Kentucky (no Michigan notes accepted) - or in checks payable to Military Scholarship Fund). Serial numbers on these notes will not be known until delivery is accomplished. Four error notes were created during the overprinting process. One lead note received an inverted back overprint; one flint note received an inverted face overprint; and two powder notes were initially run through the wrong press, receiving stray texts at right angles to the main inscriptions (these notes were subsequently passed through the correct press, so the correct overprints are also present). One feature of these notes is a vignette of a bear head in brown printed over the large five pound counter at the left of the face; but the dark blue ink of the original notes so masks the design of the bear vignette that it is all but unrecognizable, appearing as a large gray mass over the counter. When printed on white paper it looks fine, but as an overprint it is much less successful. Individuals wishing to acquire sets of the remainder notes (which are not cancelled or otherwise distinguishable from the issued pieces) should send a telegram to the trading post reserving the desired sets, so that monies are not dispatched exceeding inventory.

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Question Question 171, difficulty 3: What is the highest denomination Philippine VICTORY STAR note known in collections?

Questions 170, difficulty 2: 170 difficulty 2: Charles Vyner Brooke is on an emergency note for what colony?

Answers and comments: Bill Myers wrote: Ten cents notes for Sarawak were printed in 1940 have Charles Vyner Brooke's image on them.

Kathy Merys wrote: Welcome Back! We all missed the gram. You've gotten us spoiled...Re: the question, Charles Vyner Brooke, a Rahaj of the Malaysian territory of Sarawak, can be found on the 1940 emergency 10 cent note from that country. Thanks for challenging our brains again.

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Obviously, Gram publication has continued to be a trial. It is not so much that the days are too short, it is just that there is just too much work for the days (and nights).

I got myslef motivated to send out a Gram now because of a wonderful, albeit small, thing that just

happened.

I was looking in the (electronic) draft of Remembered II for something else, but noticed in the Hawaii section a chit for the Breakers Hotel Navy Recreation Center, Honolulu, TH. By coincidence I had just seen one of these chits on my desk. At first I assumed that the one on my desk was the one that I had scanned for the book. Then I noticed that the colors were different. Even though color differences would be enough to warrant two distinct varieties, I wanted more--and I found it. The lower numbered item (red) has the imprint: Union Made by Globe Ticket Co., L. A. The buff colored one has an imprint: Globe Ticket Company. I loved it!

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Dear Gram,
Just a quick note to let you know I received Gram #1516, but I'm apparently among the masses that did not receive #1515, as the last issue I have filed away as hard copy was #1514.

You and the boss have a pleasant Thanksgiving.

Sincerely yours,

Clifford Mishler

Dear Cliff,
Hard copy? Oh my.

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Boling announces for ANA board - Freeland and Myers
write about the SS - fake handstamps

by Fred Schwan

At the MSNS show this past weekend I asked over a dozen clubs to nominate me for the office of governor of the ANA for the 2007-2009 term. If you are an ANA member or an officer in an ANA member club, and would like to have nomination forms for this purpose, email me at joeboling@aol.com. For some reason, ANA has not placed the forms on its web site. One must order then directly from the executive director. But I have already done that, so I can email them to you as needed. In the Winter FUN-Topics magazine, there are six pages devoted to the ANA summer seminar, mostly about the military numismatics course. One article was written by Dan Freeland, the other by Bill Myers. Both had FUN scholarships to the 2007 seminar, and one stipulation of a FUN scholarship is that the recipient write an article about the experience for FUN-Topics. The articles are illustrated in color, with Allied fest certificates (lire), military fest certificates (series 062, endorsed for the ANA course), class photos, a ration card, and a canteen chit booklet. It's great exposure for our branch of the hobby (note that it is NOT an "industry" (ugh - yuk)). Two years ago I bought at auction a set of Yugoslavia notes stamped VERIFICATO for Montenegro. I needed only the 500 dinara denomination, but had to buy several others (all in one lot). Upon receiving them, I measured the stamp for the proper diameter (31.3mm), and they passed that test. But the stamps all looked too uniform - not like you would expect to see on notes that had been stamped by hand. So I put my 20x glass on them, and lo - all the over stamps had been applied by ink jet printer. The notes were genuine, but the stamps were not. I returned the lot with a

plea that the auctioneer put me in touch with the consignor so I could buy some of the fakes at appropriate prices. I heard nothing more. At MSNS this year I found the consignor. This is not the first time that I have returned a spurious piece to an auctioneer, only to encounter the same piece in a dealer's stock a year or more later. This time, the dealer agreed immediately when I showed him the stamps through my 20x glass (he had not been informed by the auctioneer of what the problem was with his notes - only that they were suspected of having fake handstamps - so he had not used enough power when looking at them to see the colored pixels mixed with the black, as laid down by the ink jet printer). Interestingly, he also had some genuine stamps, mixed with the fake ones - his supplier in Europe may have been deceived by HIS supplier, not realizing that some of the stamps were recent technology. So, I was able to buy several good/bad pairs of the Montenegro pieces. *****

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Robert Drew was here last week. He was fresh from the St. Louis show and basking in his new fame from the profile in Numismatist. We had a good time looking, chatting, looking, and eating perch.

One area that we worked on was US WWII bonds. He had some interesting contemporary sales material (more on that another time--possibly Rob will write it. Anyway, we got on to a subject that I have discussed here before. When I asked about this before, I got some good answers, but I think that I asked the wrong question. The issue relates to the legends/titles on the bonds.

Series E is rather straight forward. It started out as Series E Defense bonds then changed to Series E war bonds, and of course later to small size war bonds.

Series F started out as defense bonds (confirmed with multiple examples), but the second issue (so to speak) is Series F Savings bonds--no war legend (also confirmed with multiple examples).

Series G is the problem. Just as the others it started out as a defense bond. The second issue of

large size bonds are war bonds (rather than defense/war). However, the twist is that the small size G bonds seem to be savings rather than war. I can only confirm this with one example, but that one piece is clear.

OK, what I need is confirmation of any of these bonds that do not fit in the scheme described above.

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Dear Esteemed Editor,

This price list has several WWII items of interest to Gramsters, and some Jersey that might be very interesting to Steve Feller. Click on the below "click here" and then the bottom "View" on the next page. There are 27 pages of notes. Go through them from 1-27 and you will see many NICE pieces!!!

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Collector/researcher of these notes by zone, type, and block letter, or number will buy or trade. Checklist available, Anythinfg unusual is of particular interest. Mike Payton, 6609 Craig, Merriam, KS. USA 66202, papermoneymike@yahoo.com

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Material Missing

by Ray Czahor

I had a high value (\$3500) package of Philippine items shipped via US Postal Registered Mail to Elmwood Illinois stolen last month. The package was delivered by the Post office and signed for on Oct 20th but not by the specific addressee, Gordon Lowrey, as it was delivered to the wrong address. The package has since disappeared. Any assistance by Gramsters who see any items would be appreciated.

The package contained 31 Philippine Coins and medals, including the following easily identifiable items:

1. UNIQUE US Eisenhower 1974D \$ struck on Philippine 1 Peso Planchet NGC MS64
 2. UNIQUE Rizal Silver Commemorative Peso, NGC Mint Error MS62, straight clip
 3. UNIQUE 1972 1 Piso NGC Mint Error MS 64, Double Struck, 2nd 90% off center
 4. UNIQUE 1972 1 Piso NGC Mint Error MS 65, Defective Planchet
 5. UNIQUE 1967 10 Sentimos NGC Mint Error MS67 on Foreign Planchet (1.7gr)
 6. Six other Philippine Errors 1972-1974 Choice-Gem BU
 7. 1918S Five Centavo MULE strong reverse, pitted obverse
 8. 1936M three piece Salvaged Commemoratives
 9. 1981/0 Pope John Paul II Countermark on 1970 Pope Paul Piso Commemorative, both Silver and Nickel pieces
 10. Eight Culion Leper Colony coins, various dates and conditions
 11. UNIQUE Custom Made Belt Buckle. "PHILIPPINES" at top & "H.C. WHITLOCK" engraved at bottom. At left: palm tree, nipa hut, rising sun & rays over mountain. At right: palm tree, mountains, & sailboat. Silver plated copper.
 12. UNIQUE 1907-12 Peso in NCS Holder "Token Genuine", "Engraved Rev-Holed" "Andres Santos Ramos" around eagle & shield. " May 6, 1927" at bottom.
 13. UNIQUE Fantasy or Lucky Piece similar design to 1907-12 peso. "Bobby Greenwood/ Kim Ramos" on obv. "Ship of Sand/Role Bayer" on rev. Aluminum, 36mm. Used in Philippine Movies.
- If you encounter these items or have information on them please Ray Czahor at 301-604-9225 or cjcpi@comcast.net or: Gordon Lowrey at 708-456-3209 or hgcoins@core.com

Numismatist (young) of the year

On 1 December MPC seminarian Sam Spiegel was named the ANA's Young Numismatist of the Year for 2006. For more information, see Your Newsletter at http://www.money.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Your_Newsletter1&Template=/TaggedPage/TaggedPageDisplay.cfm&TPLID=35&ContentID=9270

In the same issue of the newsletter, the script for one of ANS's "Money Talks" programs also appears - by Matthew Rockman on the subject of military payment certificates.

Boling announces for ANA board - Freeland and Myers write about the SS - fake handstamps

by Joe Boling [this article appeared in Gram 1518 with the byline of Fred Schwan. It made no sense that way, but it happened. The item is repeated here with the correct byline for the record. We are very sorry about the confusion.--Ed.]

At the MSNS show this past weekend I asked over a dozen clubs to nominate me for the office of governor of the ANA for the 2007-2009 term. If you are an ANA member or an officer in an ANA member club, and would like to have nomination forms for this purpose, email me at joeboling@aol.com. For some reason, ANA has not placed the forms on its web site. One must order then directly from the executive director. But I have already done that, so I can email them to you as needed. In the Winter FUN-Topics magazine, there are six pages devoted to the ANA summer seminar, mostly about the military numismatics course. One article was written by Dan Freeland, the other by Bill Myers. Both had FUN scholarships to the 2007 seminar, and one stipulation of a FUN scholarship is that the recipient write an article about the experience for FUN-Topics. The articles are illustrated in color, with Allied fest certificates (lire), military fest certificates (series 062, endorsed for the ANA course), class photos, a ration card, and a canteen chit booklet. It's great exposure for our branch of the hobby (note that it is NOT an "industry" (ugh - yuk)). Two years ago I bought at auction a set of Yugoslavia notes stamped VERIFICATO for Montenegro. I needed only the 500 dinara denomination, but had to buy several others (all in one lot). Upon receiving them, I measured the stamp for the proper diameter (31.3mm), and they passed that test. But the stamps all looked too uniform - not like you would expect to see on notes that had been stamped by hand. So I put my 20x glass on them, and lo - all the over stamps had been applied by ink jet printer. The notes were genuine, but the stamps were not. I returned the lot with a plea that the auctioneer put me in touch with the consignor so I could buy some of the fakes at appropriate prices. I heard nothing more. At MSNS this year I found the consignor. This is not

the first time that I have returned a spurious piece to an auctioneer, only to encounter the same piece in a dealer's stock a year or more later. This time, the dealer agreed immediately when I showed him the stamps through my 20x glass (he had not been informed by the auctioneer of what the problem was with his notes - only that they were suspected of having fake handstamps - so he had not used enough power when looking at them to see the colored pixels mixed with the black, as laid down by the ink jet printer). Interestingly, he also had some genuine stamps, mixed with the fake ones - his supplier in Europe may have been deceived by HIS supplier, not realizing that some of the stamps were recent technology. So, I was able to buy several good/bad pairs of the Montenegro pieces. *****

Championship Question Corner

Question 173, difficulty 2. Where was the main office of the E A Wright Bank Note Company located?

Questions 172, difficulty 2. Breakers Navy Recreation Center chits were printed by what company and in how many reported varieties?

Answers and comments: there was a great silence on the Breakers Navy Recreation Center chits question, but I better be careful about what I say because I was mistaken in making that same comment in 1518 (see mail call). I thought that I was being very clever by (again) taking a question from the prevoius day's Gram. Whether that confused or otherwise dissuaded readers from responding, I do not know. Nonetheless, the printer was the Globe ticket company and two varieties of the chit have been identified.

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Editorial

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Sixty-five years ago today, the United States entered World War II when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. As Franklin Roosevelt said, it was a day of infamy. For me it is a day of reflection. The war shaped the adult lives of my parent's generation and certainly mine as well. Even though the direct memories of the population of that day and the entire war are fading, the country and world will never forget and will never be the same again.

Of course that day was one of those days were everyone remembers where they were like most of us remember where we were when we learned of the 9.11 attacks and some of us remember the news of the Kennedy assination. My overwhelming feeling about Pearl Harbor is admiration for the sacrifices made by an entire generation in response to those difficult times.

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When I posed the questions about Series F and G defense and war bonds, I now only knew that Jim Downey

would respond, but also that he would say that he had answered it before. I also suspected that he would have the final answer. He did and he did (sort of). After he sent an email, we talked for a long time on the phone. We figured it out with only one little catch. Today he followed up (he is very good about that) with an image of the missing link so to speak. We can now say with assurance that Series F and G bonds were both issued with the war bond legend and without it (simply listed as savings bonds). While I am very happy to put that little mystery to rest, we will now have to start keeping records to determine which of these various issues actually exist in collections.

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Mail Call (send mail to MPCGram@yahoo.com)
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Dear Gram,
This is in answer to quiz question 172. My answer to the question is a 500 Peso, Osmena-Hernandez signature, P101a with Serial Number F00001947*. I have been chasing all star note serial numbers on the under US administration Philippine Series for about 7 years. That 500 peso note is the only one reported at the high denomination. Do you know who has it as I need to get the Position Letter and number from the note for my documentation. I am hoping in 3-4 months to publish my findings on Star Notes of the under US issues and indicate rarity or lack thereof. If any MPCGram readers have star notes, I would appreciate sending me the P-number, Serial Number and Position Letter and Number to make my listing more complete.

Thanks,
Ray Czahor

Dear Ray,
Thank you for the very nice response. Your letter actually arrived in time to be included in the response to the question, but I did not recognize your mail and missed it. Sorry. Nonetheless, it is an interesting letter.
I do have some additional information. The 500 peso VICTORY star was in the collection of Guy Davis (I think that is correct). When he died, his collection was sold at auction in the Philippines. An American at the auction bought the 500 as a favor for another American collector who arranged it for yet a third collector who still has the note. I can get the information for you, but it might take awhile. Ray, we would sure love to see you at the Fest!

Editor

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Calendar
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2006

The London Paper Money Fair has moved to: Victory Services Club, 63 Seymour Street, off Edgware Road, Marble Arch London and the dates are: Nov 26. see: www.britishnotes.co.uk or www.londonpapermoneyfair.co.uk

Nov 11, Boling house warming party and mini Fest (1600-2000).

Nov 16-19, 2007 Pcds St Louis. IBNS meeting with program by Jim Downey subject "notes with military themes." It is Saturday at 1:00, mini-Fest to follow.

2007

MPCFest: March 23-25 2007 details TBA. [Reservations received: John Cheney(T, k), Harold Kroll(T), Ski, Louise and Joe Boling (k), Warner and Jane (auxilliary) (T), Ian and Bella Marshall(T), Jim Downey(T), Howard Daniel(T,M), Bill Yanchick and Miles (T), Kathy and Dan Freeland (k,T), Sparky Watson (T), Roger Urce(T), Ray and Steve Feller, Geroge Slade, Fred and Judy (auxiliary) Schwan(T). [Totals: festers 20, new Festers 0, Tiger lillies (auxilliary) 2, k=king room] Eternal Festers: Mike Cummings, Robert Kutcher, Leo May.

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Memphis 21-23 June.

ANA Summer semnar

Session I: June 24-29, 2007*

Session II: June 30-July 6, 2007

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